

Montana's
CUSTER COUNTRY

**Regional
Tour Guide**



**1990 guide to the towns, accommodations
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- Custer Battlefield • Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
- Maps • Calendar • Dining • Lodging • Camping
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Custer Battlefield National Monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 and 26, 1876, more than 260 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. See pages 47 and 48 for information concerning Battlefield hours and tours.

Photo by Dan Martinez

Custer Country: a Land of Legends and Beauty

Custer Country!

It's a land that tells the story of one of the most famous battles between the Indian and the white man.

But more than that, around its historic center Custer Country is the traveler's and recreationist's discovery land.

For fishermen it's a paradise of variety. The famous Yellowstone River offers rainbow and brown trout, sauger, catfish, ling and even the live and fighting prehistoric paddlefish. Spectacular Big Horn Canyon Lake provides boating and waterskiing, then spills over the Yellowtail Dam to nurture the spawns of the Big Horn River, rated by many as the finest trout stream in the country. Fishing sites offer easy access to fishing on all rivers.

Pronghorn antelope, golden brown as the grasses they graze, are abundant in Custer Country. And from dusk to dawn the nocturnal whitetail and mule deer move from the river brushlands, from the draws and coulees to the grassy meadows.

Geology is both productive and aesthetic in Custer Country. One of the world's largest coal supplies lies

just under the surface cover and offers the fruit of its industry. Lewis and Clark's Expedition of 1804-1806 first recorded the unusual rock formations of the southeastern Montana region. From the rimrocks that frame the Billings valley, to Pompey's Pillar (a sandstone formation rising from "nowhere," named by and inscribed by Captain William Clark), to the beauty of the badlands of Glendive's Makoshika State Park, the geology offers a rewarding excursion through Custer Country.

And in Ekalaka's county museum is a dinosaur collection from the area that ranks in a class with the foremost dinosaur museums in the nation.

And where you see herds of cattle and sheep grazing and see horses running in the wind, you find cowboys and cowgirls holding rodeos and horse shows. Custer Country's calendar offers a full scale of events. Add to these the tradition and spectacle of the Crow and Cheyenne Indian events, and you have a true western vacation.

Custer Country is not lacking in comfort. In Billings the region is ser-

viced by Logan International Airport with daily flights into and out of all major cities. Cultural events, art museums, entertainment and nightlife make Custer Country a complete package holiday for the entire family.

—Gloria Wester



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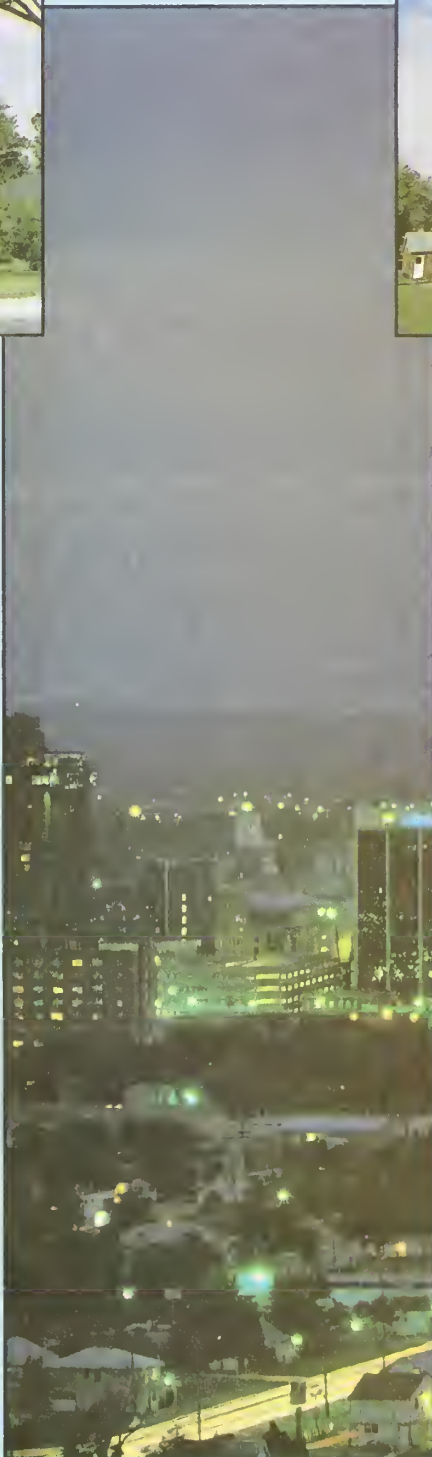
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- ☐ Yellowstone Baptist College
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"Changing Seasons" features Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yellowtail, Sr., against a backdrop of Custer Country near the mouth of Rottengrass Creek in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains. "Changing Seasons" is also Robert Yellowtail's Indian name.

Photo by Custer Country Photo Contest Winner Dennis L. Sanders, Hardin Photo Service



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This Superhost logo designates communities which have made a special effort to be prepared for guests – to be informed about attractions, events and accommodations – to be ready to greet you with a smile and make you feel welcome. Other communities are working on being certified as Superhosts. Wherever you go, be assured that the welcome mat is out. We Montanans just naturally enjoy visitors and want you to stay long and come back soon.



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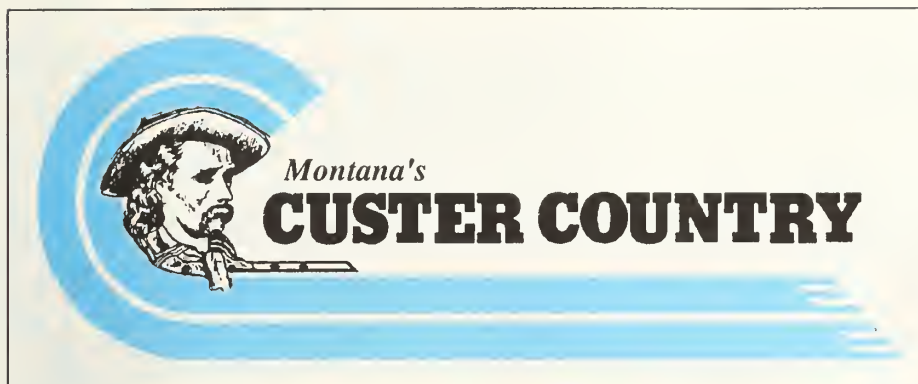
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Welcome to Custer Country

Custer Country, Inc. welcomes you to our tourism region of Montana, comprising 36,500 square miles, having 360 miles of interstate highway, 950 miles of paved state roads and who knows how many miles of country roads.

There are about 250 miles of Yellowstone River in Custer Country, as well as Big Horn, Little Bighorn, Musselshell, Powder and Tongue Rivers. It contains four segments of the Custer National Forest and two Indian reservations.

Custer Country, Inc., is a non-profit organization with a board of directors including three representatives from each of the thirteen counties involved and one representative each from the Crow and Cheyenne tribes. Our purpose is to promote tourism and travel activity in the area by making you, our visitors, aware of what there is to see and do in Custer Country and what businesses and facilities are here to accommodate you.



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MONTANA CENTENNIAL TRAIN COACH IN WIBAUX

Wibaux has one of seven of these cars in the state which are designated as official Travel Host Information Centers for the traveling public and people interested in local and area history.

The centennial name comes from the observance of Montana becoming a Territory in 1864. One hundred years later in 1964 — the State of Montana sent a centennial train from Montana to New York City to the World's Fair. The cars were on display at the fair as a manner of advertising our state.

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Visitors entering Montana from the east on Interstate 94 will receive a real taste of "Montana hospitality" if they take time to spend a day or two in Wibaux, "The Gateway to Montana."

This gateway to eastern Montana recalls the memories of Pierre Wibaux and his good friend Teddy Roosevelt as well as other colorful figures who roamed the territory in the early days of our great state. Wibaux is rich in history and nostalgia which radiates true western hospitality.

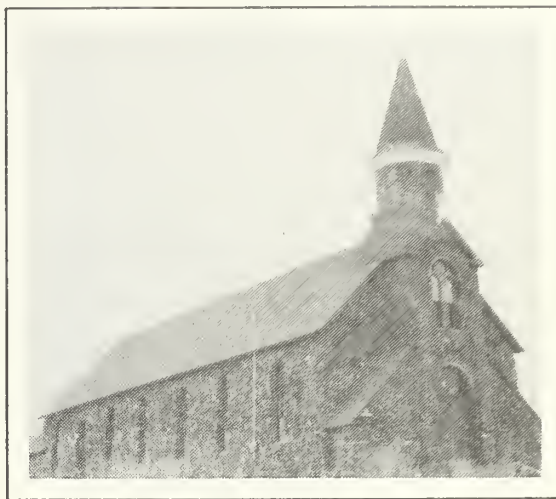
The town and county were named for Pierre Wibaux, a Frenchman who came to the territory in the late 1800's when he decided his future did not lie in the textile industry operated by his family. He arrived here in 1883 and began securing property and cattle even though he had no background in ranching. His herd of cattle at one time numbered 65,000 head and they grazed on land he controlled in western North Dakota and eastern Montana. He provided funds for a life-sized statue in his likeness, which stands on the west edge of Wibaux and overlooks the land he loved so well. The statue faces the direction of his main ranch, known as the W-Bar, located north-east of town.

Centennial Car

Nearby is located the Centennial Car Information Center and Museum, which is housed in an old railroad car that was part of the Montana Centennial Train which was on display at the World's Fair in New York City in 1964. The free museum features many early artifacts and some unusual displays, including a man's vertebrae with an arrowhead embedded in the bone.

The Information Center has visitor information for most of the state of Montana, and those presenting the coupon from their ad on page 10 will receive a free native rock as a souvenir.

The old St. Peter's Catholic Church is a beautiful building visitors will not want to miss. It was built in 1885 and the exterior is covered with lava rock with green climbing vines in the summer. A stained glass window at the rear of the church reads: "Through the generosity of Pierre Wibaux this church was dedicated to St. Peter in 1885."

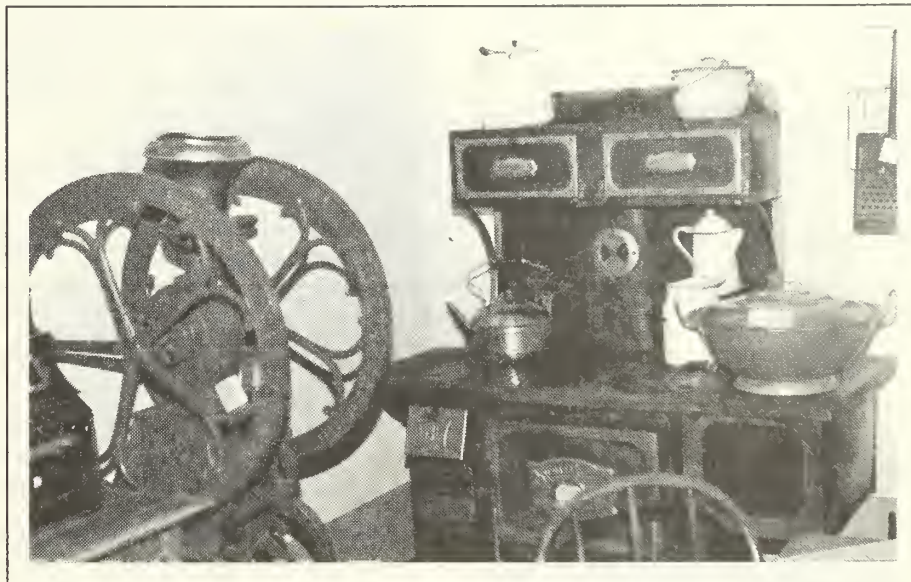


Hunting, Fishing, Swimming

For those who enjoy hunting and fishing, you will find some of the best in Wibaux County. A blend of badlands and rolling hills offers some fine trophies in mule deer and white-tail deer, as well as antelope. Upland game birds are also plentiful in some parts of the area. Fishermen will find

trout, panfish, walleye, and northern pike in Beaver Creek and farm ponds.

A public pond with picnic area is located at the edge of the city limits on Highway 7 South. For those who enjoy swimming in the summer, the public swimming pool is open at no charge to travelers.



Interior of Pierre Wibaux's "Town House"

Frank Data Photo

Town House

In downtown Wibaux, visitors will find many historic places to visit at no charge, and they can spend a day and not a fortune. One interesting historic site is Mr. Wibaux's "Town House," which was restored

to its original condition and features many antique household furnishings of the early days. Free tours of the building and garden area are conducted during the summer months.

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Wibaux has many activities and events that add fun to a vacation. For example, the local art club has scheduled monthly flea markets and art shows. Another event is an old fashioned ice cream social that features "Historical Guests" mingling with the crowd. It is combined with an art show by Wibaux's many artists and craftsmen. It's a fun time of "living history and lively arts."

Horse enthusiasts show the art of riding horses, and there are rodeos and team roping for the more adventuresome.

A fiddlers' jamboree and a cowboy poetry presentation are events that have been planned, but only have tentative dates at press time. For finalized dates, check at the Centennial Car Visitors Center, or write: P.C.A.A., HC71, Box 7315CC, Wibaux, MT 59353.

Wibaux is a Superhost Community

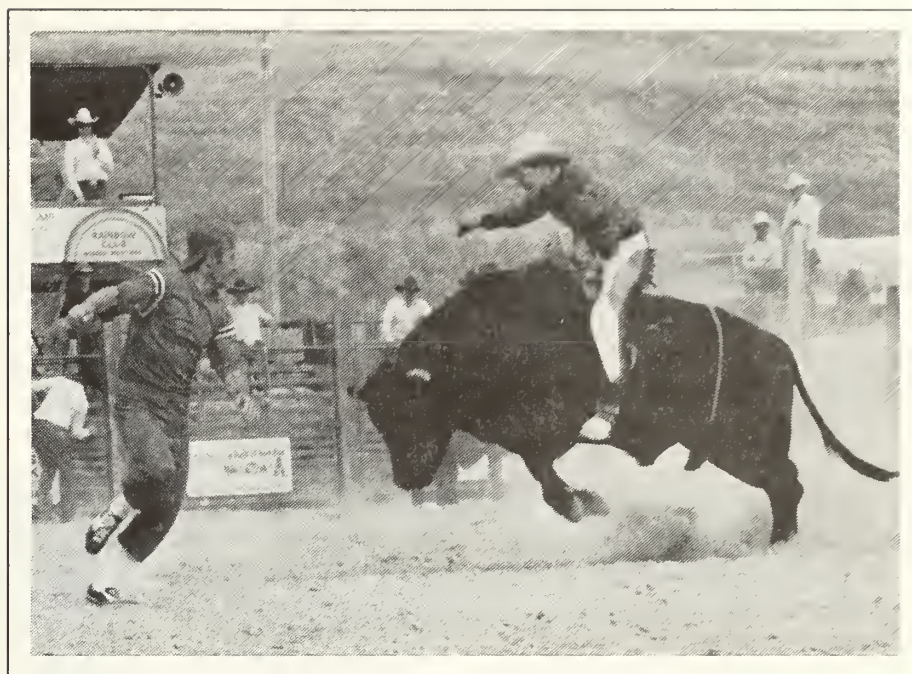
When the Montana Superhost Program became a reality, the citizens and businesses of Wibaux got involved and they were the first community in Custer Country to be designated as a Superhost Community. Wibaux was also one of the first three communities in the state to receive this recognition simultaneously.

This demonstrates that the citizens are interested in making visitors welcome at all times and they look forward to showing what "Western Hospitality" is all about.



Gateway Gallery and Gardens

On Beaver Street in Wibaux, visitors will see one of the most beautiful flower gardens in the area. The flowers are combined with native rocks. At the same location is the



Out of Chute #9 on "Who Gives A Damn!" It's Rodeo-de-rodeo time across Custer Country all summer long. Catch the action July 15 and August 25.

Photo By Frank Data

Gateway Gallery which houses a private collection of bronze sculpture, Indian art, numerous arrowheads and several spear points. The owners, Pastor and Mrs. Harry Heidt, are gracious hosts and there is no charge to visit the flower gardens or gallery all summer.

Up the hill is the Wibaux statue and the VFW Memorial Park that overlooks the valley.

The Wibaux Park, north of the tracks, is a pleasant, shady place to picnic, play, or just relax in quiet splendor. The beauty of the park is courtesy of the Garden Club.

Landscaping at the Centennial Car has been done with native flowers and rocks, reminiscent of the early pioneers. Nearby, the gardens at the Town House are being restored to their original appearance.

Events in Wibaux in 1990

Plan your visit so that you can enjoy these events:

—June—

Wibaux Schooling Horse Show and Team Roping June 16-17

—July—

Youth Rodeo (Ages 1-18) July 15

—August—

Wibaux County Fair Aug. 24-26

Horse Judging and Inside

Exhibits Aug. 24

PRCA Rodeo and Variety

Show Aug. 25

4-H Livestock Judging and Sale, and Demolition Derby Aug. 26

Historical Society Ice Cream Social with Historical Skit,

Labor Day Sept. 3

Prairie Creative Arts Assn., "Art in the Park" Sept. 3

Annual Knights of Columbus Team Roping in Sept.



Team roping is just one of the many rodeo events you'll enjoy in Custer Country.

Baker: A Friendly Town On the Eastern Border

If your visit to Eastern Montana does not include a stop in Baker, you'll be missing some of the best that Montana has to offer. If you are looking for a relaxed, warm welcome, you'll be sure to find it in Baker, the Friendly City!

What is there to do? You name it! In the summer take advantage of fine outdoor recreational facilities. In Baker you can play golf, tennis, softball, or pitch horse-shoes. Moreover, all of these activities are within walking distance of each other.

You can swim, or go boating and water skiing in Baker Lake and have a picnic in one of the beautiful city parks. Fishermen will be sure to have a fish story or two to take home, after casting a line in Baker Lake or in nearby Sandstone Reservoir. No matter what sport you like, you'll find it in Baker.

Hunters often go home with huge trophies that live in the Fallon County habitat. You can hunt deer, antelope, pheasants, wild turkeys, or rabbits throughout the area. And you'll always be able to find someone to give you tips on the best places for success. Many of the farmers and ranchers are glad to give permission when you ask. (Please be

When you come to Baker for the following events, be sure to stop at the O'Fallon Historical Museum. These ladies will greet you and invite you to browse through unique collections of the past. See the fine collection of mannequins in antique clothing.

Baker Events in 1990

—March 3

Bronco Days

—July 4

Celebration and
Contests

—Aug. 12-19

Medicine Rocks
Cattle Drive

—Aug. 17, 18, 19

County Fair,
Parade and Rodeo



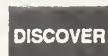
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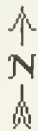
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To Bowman

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BAKER MONTANA

Lakeview Golf Course

To Ekalaka

Medicine Rocks State Park

sure to ask!) Many parcels of land around Baker are part of the Fish Wildlife and Parks block management program that is designed to help hunters gain access to good hunting lands. Check the section of this guide that explains the program in more detail.

Winter Sports

Winter sports are no more limited than the snow in the Friendly City. There are lots of wide open spaces for cross country skiing or snowmobiling. Or go ice skating at the recently completed, lighted outdoor rink. Ice fishing lures plenty of fishermen to augered holes, and lots of local folks are willing to share their "secrets" about how to land the big one.

Recreation Center

Here is another secret. In the heart of Baker is one of the finest indoor recreation facilities in the state. You can swim in the indoor heated pool, play racquetball or wallyball, use the weight room, or join in an exercise class at the Baker Recreation Center, adjacent to the high school. It's open year-round.

Hospital

Oh, and if you over-do it a bit, there is a modern, well-equipped hospital in Baker.

Nearby Activities

There are lots of relaxing activities to enjoy in and around Baker, too. Drive east of town and go fossil hunting, or tour the oil fields, which are some of the first developed in Montana, and which now produce a significant amount of our nation's crude oil needs. Travel west from town, and you will find a fine new trap shooting and target range. Tournament season for the range is usually from May to October, but you can use it on your own any time.

Beautiful Scenery

No matter which direction you look in Baker, you'll see stretches of scenery painted with golden fields and sandstone, arched horizon to horizon with a big blue sky that is most often piled full of mile-deep, pillowy clouds. In fact, to really get a view of the surrounding area, fly into Baker. Because of the oil activity in



There's plenty of wildlife to hunt or observe in natural habitat in the Baker area.

Yellowstone Newspapers photo

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County Museum

If you let your mind wander, you can imagine how the Indians lived, or what hardships the first explorers, trappers, or settlers must have faced. The O'Fallon Historical Museum in Baker will fill in the details that your mind's journey might have left out. They will give you directions to one of the many teepee rings in the area, or point out to you the wagon ruts left by some of the original wagon trains that came through Montana.

Free Camping

Campers and RV travelers can park free overnight at the city RV park, complete with sewage disposal facilities. Or you can pitch a tent for the night at Steve McClain Memorial Park, which has picnic tables, bathroom facilities, and barbecues. Excellent motel accommodations are available at reasonable rates, and restaurants please both palate and pocketbook.

Bronco Days

Activities in Baker begin with the Bronco Days Rodeo in March. Held indoors, at a fine arena, the event is action-packed with cowboys and cowgirls competing for points that lead the best on broncs to the national level.

Fourth of July

Baker's 4th of July celebration includes everything from beach volleyball tournaments, to pie-eating contests, sack races, and horseshoe pitching exhibitions that would make President Bush envious.

Cattle Drives

In August, join or watch the Fallon-Carter Wagon Train from Baker to Ekalaka. It is wrapped up by a parade of the cattle and wagons that participated in the four-day event, and includes a night of home-grown entertainment at the natural amphitheater near Medicine Rocks State Park.

There will also be a cattle drive with wagon train, sanctioned by Montana Cattle Drives, Inc., that is

expected to bring people to Baker from all around the globe to enjoy the romance and excitement of a real pioneer event.

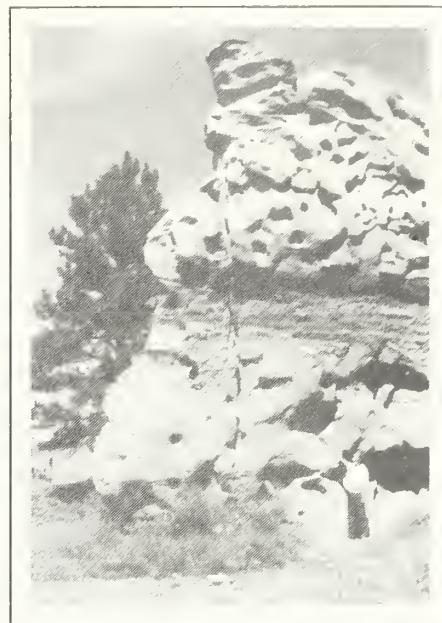
County Fair

The Fallon County Fair is August 17, 18, 19. Carnival rides, agricultural and business exhibits and rodeo are part of the fun. There is lots of food to sample and a night show, featuring world-famous entertainment.

Check with the Baker Chamber of Commerce for the dates of the Fall Festival and Street Dance. The event includes exhibits and entertainment throughout the day, followed by a dance on Baker's Main Street, born of good old-fashioned country music.

Warm Welcome

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Successful hunter, Kim Baglien, shot this 15 inch pronghorn antelope near Forsyth, MT. It ranks in the Boone and Crocket Record Book.

Bull Mountain Outfitters photo

It's one thing to brag about how great the hunting is in an area, but it is hollow bragging unless someone takes the padlock off the gate and lets you in to hunt.

For big game hunters looking for a place to hunt deer and antelope on private lands in eastern Montana, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks's Block Management Program assists in providing hunters access to private land.

During the 1989 hunting season, more than two million acres of private land were contracted under the Block Management Program in Region 7 of southeastern Montana for purposes of big game hunting. An additional 500,000 acres of federal lands adjacent to the block management areas also became available for hunting.

There is no charge to hunters to use any of the block management units. The program is funded entirely by sportsmen license dollars.

A Block Management Bulletin, published by the Region 7 FWP office will be available to the public by the middle of September. The bulletin, which is free of charge, lists all of the block management units in reference to location, contact persons, hunting opportunities, and other information. To request a copy of the bulletin, write to: Regional Information Officer, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Box 2004CC, Miles City, MT 59301.

To acquire access information in Region 5, write to: Regional Information Officer, 2300CC Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105, or phone (406) 252-4654. Phone calls are welcomed to offer the most current information.

Over 4,000 nonresident hunters enjoyed hunting on block management lands during 1988, according to the Region 7 officer, Ken Walchek.

"It is one of the ways we can help our out-of-state sportsmen, and it's

good for the landowners," adds Charlie Eustas, Region 5 officer.

The department emphasizes that the block management Program has gained in popularity in recent years. They recommend that when you get your bulletin, you make your telephone contact with a block management participant at an early date.

Bureau of Land Management lands are also open to hunting. To acquire maps of these lands, contact the BLM offices at P.O. Box 36800-CC, Billings, MT 59107, (406) 255-2885; or P.O. Box 940-CC, Miles City, MT 59301 (406) 232-4331.

Though trophy animals may be bagged without a guide and outfitter, many hunters enjoy huge success, thanks to the expertise of the people who make spotting game, especially exceptional game, their business. State publications list the licensed guides and outfitters throughout Montana. Write to: Travel Montana, 1424 9th Ave., Helena, MT 59620, or call (406) 444-2654. Nonresidents call toll free 1-800-541-1447.

Hunters are also encouraged to write the Billings and Miles City offices for a complete booklet of current Montana hunting regulations and applications for out-of-state licenses. These are also available at any authorized license outlet, including many sporting goods stores and convenience stores.

Certain waters on National Parks, Indian Reservations and National Wildlife Refuges may have special rules. Specific information may be obtained from the headquarters of the parks, reservation or refuge involved.

ASK FIRST!

Montanans insist on offering hospitality. In fact, where hunting is concerned, IT'S THE LAW. "Permission to Hunt Big Game—Montana law requires that hunters must have permission of the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not."

Fishing: There's a Fish to Be Caught In Every Angler's Favorite Style

Maybe you are a fly fisherman who knows every cadis and streamer. Or perhaps you prefer lures, or maybe live bait. And then again, maybe you have never fished before in your life.

No matter what your category, plan on doing some fishing in Montana's Custer Country Region. Bring your own pole and tackle box, or let one of the abundant sporting goods shops outfit you.

Any fisherman has heard the fame of the Yellowstone and Big Horn Rivers. And the Big Horn Canyon Reservoir spawns beauties like the one shown on this page. There are numerous other rivers, streams, reservoirs and ponds throughout the area abundant with fish.

Variety is the name of the fishing game here. Nowhere else can you catch cutthroat (Montana's native), rainbow, brown, and bull trout; kokanee and coho salmon; walleye; sauger; whitefish; bass; catfish; grayling; sturgeon; and the prehistoric paddlefish.

Resident fishing licenses are \$9.50 plus a \$2 conservation license. Nonresidents, 15 years and older will need a Montana fishing license. A nonresident of any age may purchase a nonresident fishing license and be entitled to take a legal limit of fish. All sportsmen in Montana are required to buy a conservation license for \$2. A nonresident temporary fishing license, valid for two consecutive days, costs \$8. A season license is \$36. The season runs from March 1 to February 28 (29). If you go paddlefish fishing, \$10 buys you the limit of two tags that you need, in addition to your license, to snag the fish.

For complete information on regulations, limits, seasons, baits, etc., write: Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters, 2300CC Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105. Or write: Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters, Box 2004CC,



Tom Brown of Laurel, Montana, caught this 12-1/2 lb. walleye at Bighorn Canyon Reservoir in March of 1990. He used standard walleye tackle.

C.O. Wester photo

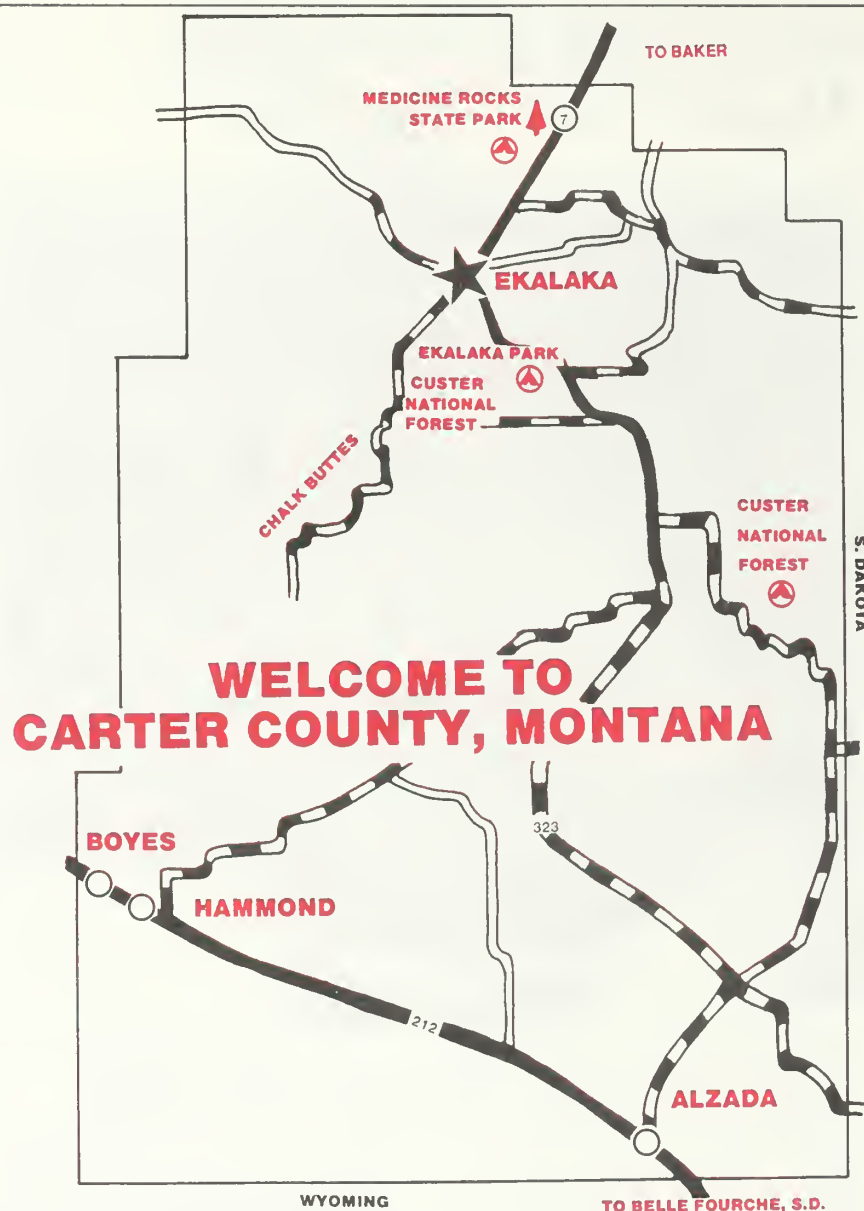
Miles City, Montana, 59301.

Fishing access sites, managed by the Montana Dept. of Fish Wildlife and Parks, are noted on the map in the center of this publication. Facilities at each vary somewhat. However, all are furnished with restrooms and most have camping and picnicking facilities.

Boat ramps are available at many locations. A float guide to the Yellowstone River, a publication called "Treasure of Gold," is available at the two FWP offices in Custer Country listed above. Also available from these offices is a fishing pond booklet for southeastern Montana, which is designed to help anglers find good farm and ranch ponds.

Montana works hard to keep a good sportsman/landowner rela-

tionship. What makes things run smoothly can be summed up in two words—"ask permission." The Montana Stream Access Law states that rivers and streams capable of recreational use may be so used by the public up to the ordinary high water marks. However, although Montana law gives sportsmen the right to pursue water-based recreational activities within the high water marks of rivers and streams, it does not give recreationists the right to enter posted lands bordering those streams or to cross private lands to gain access to streams. In other words, when not using public lands to gain access to recreational waters, be sure to ask permission. You'll most always be greeted with a welcome.



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Dinosaur Country: Prehistoric Skeletons Unearthed in Carter County

Ekalaka

With a population of 637, Ekalaka is the county seat of Carter County. Though small, it meets the needs of the traveler with two motels, several restaurants, grocery stores, service stations, a collection of Main Street businesses, and a town swimming pool. The Dahl Memorial Clinic, Hospital, and Pharmacy provide medical and pharmaceutical services to residents and guests to the community. During the school year visitors are invited to enjoy sports contests and musical presentations at Carter County High School in Ekalaka.

Airport

The airport, located on the east edge of Ekalaka, offers aerial travelers a 3,000 ft. improved turf runway and tie downs.

Days of '85 Fair and Rodeo

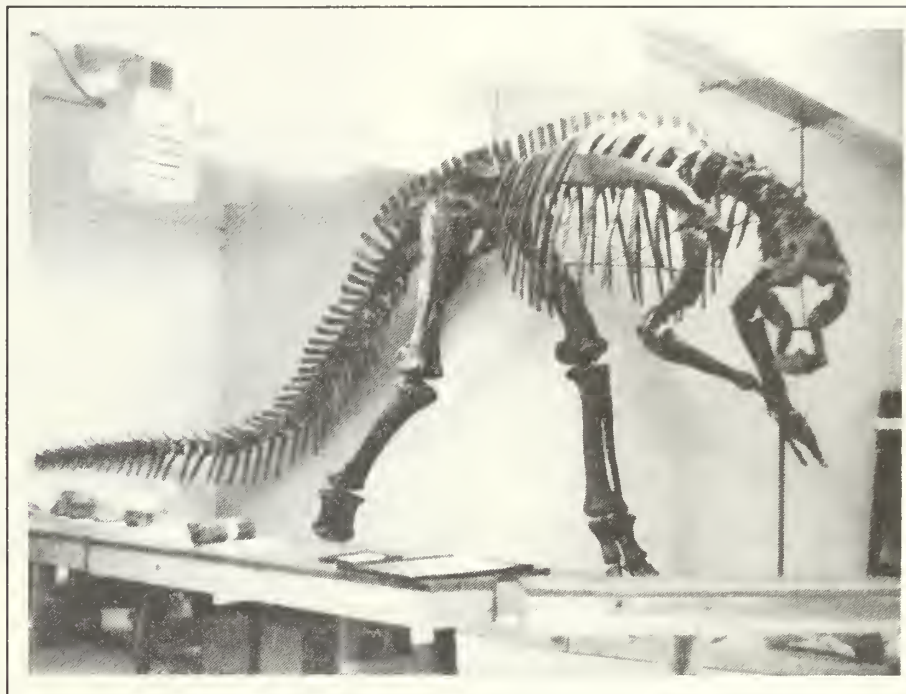
The Carter County Days of '85 (1885) Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 10-12, 1990, is highlighted by horse shows, rodeos, fair exhibits and a parade. Fairtime nightlife always includes a dance or two. The District 7 Fiddlers traditionally draw an enthusiastic crowd when they tune up on Sunday afternoon.

Alzada

The shortest route to the Black Hills is south on Highway 323 through the wide open spaces where sheep and cattle graze. The arid prairie rises to meet the Ekalaka Hills, Long Pines and Finger Buttes on the journey south. In Alzada a motel, restaurants, bars, service station and mini-store offer their hospitality to visitors.

Hammond, Boyes

Heading west from Alzada on U.S. Highway 212 will take the traveler to the communities of Hammond and Boyes. The Old West



Located on Ekalaka's Main Street, the Carter County museum houses fossil remains of dinosaurs that roamed the county 65 million years ago, among them the complete skeleton of an anatosaurus, or duck-billed dinosaur. Other museum displays include artifacts used by area residents. The museum is open 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Gloria Wester Photo

Trading Post in Boyes combines a service station, store and museum-quality display of restored covered wagons, ranch wagons, saddles and artifacts collected over the last 20 years by proprietor "Slug" Mills.

Hunting and Fishing

Though sheep and cattle production are the primary industries of Carter County, the area produces mule deer, white tail deer, pronghorn antelope, grouse, sage hens, pheasants, trout, bass and bluegill. Wildlife production in Carter County has long enticed sportsmen to the southeastern corner of the state.

Wagon Train

The Carter County Covered Wagon Train (one of the scheduled Montana Cattle Drives) is scheduled

to roll August 6-12, 1990. For information about hitching your wagon to this fun event call (406) 446-3060 or (406) 446-3686.

The Meadowlark Club of Ekalaka celebrates the arrival of the state bird, the mountain meadowlark, with spring activities. In the fall, there is a farewell to the meadowlark event.

1990 in Carter County

March 15-18

Ralph Ehret Memorial Basketball Tournament

July 4

Fireworks Display at Belltower; 15 miles south of Ekalaka

July 21

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August 6-12

Wagon Train, Baker to Ekalaka

August 10-12

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Broadus: Gateway to the Black Hills

Broadus, Montana, "Gateway and Crossroads" of Southeastern Montana, is located just west of the famous Powder River, which was heard of world-wide from the American soldiers' yell of "Powder River, Let 'er Buck." The Powder River has been described as "a mile wide and an inch deep, too wet to plow and too thick to drink."

Broadus is located on Highway 212, west of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Custer Battlefield is just 90 minutes away.

Mac's Museum

Mac's Museum, in the Powder River High School building at Broadus, contains one of the nation's greatest collections of sea shells, minerals and Indian artifacts.

County Historical Museum

The Powder River Historical Museum in Broadus is another attraction that will interest the whole family, as well as history buffs. Ladies wearing Centennial dress can sometimes be found greeting visitors at the museum during the summer. Of special interest is the buggy used by Colonel Biddle at least 100 years ago and designed to ford the deeper streams in the area. Among other things, you'll see antique cars and a wonderful collection of pioneer pictures. Housed behind the museum itself is the original county jail, remi-

niscient of outlaws and rustlers. The jail was used for 60 years before being replaced. There is no charge for enjoying this view of the past.

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1990 in Broadus

June

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July

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August

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Reynolds Battlefield National Monument, 35 miles south of Broadus, where Col. Reynolds and his troops clashed with the Sioux.

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Airplane Rock, east of Broadus is one of the many unusual rock formations along Highway 212.

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Powderville

Powderville, north of Broadus, was originally known as Elkhorn Crossing of the old Deadwood Stage. Still visible is the route the wagons took in fording the river here. A point of interest maintained by the Powder River County Historical Society is Boot Hill Cemetery, west of the present Powderville Post Office, established in 1872.

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Big game hunters can bag deer and antelope, and the area is also known for its excellent game bird hunting. For fishermen, the catch ranges from prehistoric paddlefish, snapping turtles and catfish, to renowned game fish such as walleye.

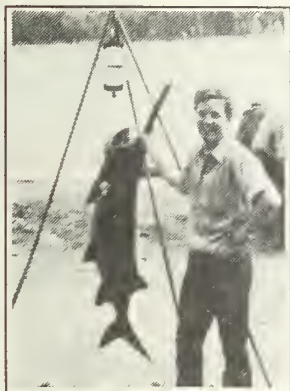
The summer months bring rodeo action, from local family team roping



The progressive folks of Glendive got a bill passed during the last Montana legislature that allows them to collect and process the caviar from paddlefish. Of course, there are strict regulations on paddlefishing. *Yellowstone Newspaper Photo*

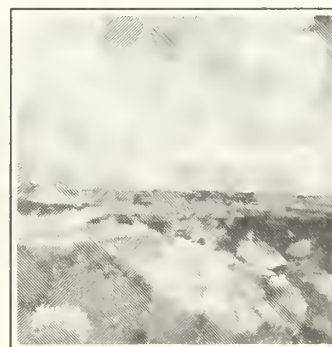
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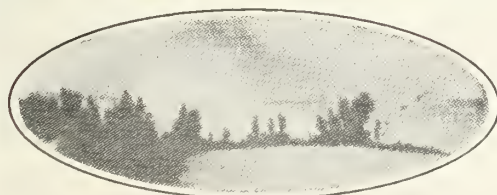


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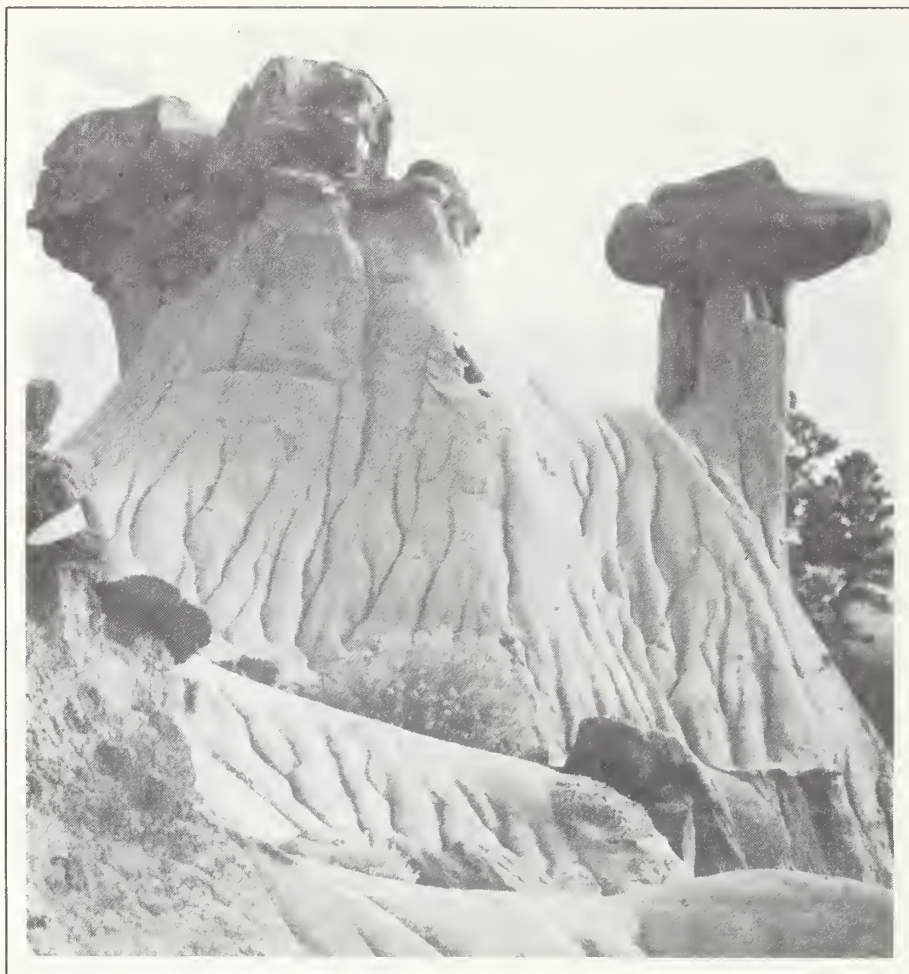
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Erbin Richert photo

to college and professional rodeo. Glendive even boasts its own college rodeo team—the Cowboys and Cowgirls at Dawson Community College on the outskirts of Glendive.

Frontier Gateway Museum

Enjoy stepping into the past when you visit the Frontier Gateway Museum. Featured are dinosaur fossils, Indian artifacts, farm machinery, blacksmith tools, and even a suit of armor. One of the most popular exhibits is "Merrill West," a walkway of replicas of businesses which lined Glendive's business district in the late 1800's.

On the museum grounds you'll find a restored sheep wagon, carriages, wagons, a rural school house, log cabin, windmill pump, smithy shop and more.

The museum is located off I-94 Exit 215, and east on the Belle Prairie Frontage Road, and is open from the end of May through September. Admission is free.

History Books Available

The Tree Branches Genealogy Club of Glendive has published the book, "Our Times, Our Lives," which is a history of Dawson County families and communities. The book contains more than 1,000 pages, including a list of births, marriages, lists of homestead filings, and personal stories of over 1200 area families. It is available at the Chamber of Commerce for \$55.

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Makoshika State Park: intriguing, rugged badlands, located on the southeast edge of Glendive, encompass 8800 acres. Fee charged.

Montana Moss Agates: found in creek bottoms, gravel beds, and along banks of Yellowstone River running through Glendive. No charge. Directions given at chamber or Holiday Lodge.

Paddlefishing for the prehistoric non-skeletal fish: near Intake, 17 miles north of Glendive, average weight to 150 pounds. Montana fishing license and special tags needed.

Frontier Gateway Museum: antiques of the early-day homesteaders and cattlemen of the area. Fossils and Indian artifacts. Free.

Bump-n-Slide: new attraction with 2 waterslides and bumper boats, snack bar, arcade. Off I-94 Exit 215, then east on Belle Prairie Frontage Rd., next to Frontier Gateway Museum. Admission.

Cottonwood Country Club: fantastic nine-hole course. Take Sidney Highway #16 North, then turn at Highland Park Rd. and watch for

golf course sign. Visitors welcome, urged to call (406) 365-8797 for tee-times.

Jaycee West Park: tennis courts, picnic area, basketball, horseshoes, restrooms, and RV dump station. Next to Yellowstone River on Town Street.

Lloyd Square Park: picnic grounds, heated pool with separate diving and wading areas, tennis courts, horseshoes, basketball, restrooms, playground area. In center of city. Free. Self-guided walking tour of **Glendive's Downtown Historic District:** many buildings listed in



Paddlefishing is tops at Intake. Anglers can be found lining a short section of the Yellowstone River shoreline during May, June, and July at the Intake Diversion Dam, 17 miles north of Glendive, to try their luck at catching remnants of the prehistoric past—paddlefish. Paddlefish have a snout that gives them an odd prehistoric look, and why not: fossilized remains show that the fish have not changed a great deal in the last 65 million years. Techniques for snagging a paddlefish are as different as the fish itself. Since they eat simple-celled plankton, a worm or other bait is useless. Rather, anglers come equipped with heavy-duty salt water tackle.

Yellowstone Newspaper photo



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Glendive, Montana

National Register of Historic places. Guide brochures available at Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Merrill, located in the heart of downtown Glendive.

Glendive Visitors Guide: published by local newspaper, available through chamber. Write Glendive Chamber, Box 930, Glendive, MT 59330, or pick one up when you come to Glendive.

Lewis and Clark Trail: a sign marks a spot near where members of the expedition made dugout canoes out of cottonwoods.

Dawson Community College

Serving the educational needs of eastern Montana, Dawson Community College in Glendive is a comprehensive two-year community college offering education at all levels and is a focal point in the community for the arts and services as well as education.

Thousands of older people all over the world combine travel with educational experiences by participating in Elderhostels. Each June, Dawson Community College sponsors an Elderhostel, which features living in college dormitories, listening to lectures, and taking field trips, hikes and going on agate hunting expeditions.

Attention, Rock Hounds!

Rock hounds will enjoy the area—choice Montana agates can be found, as well as fossil remains of

prehistoric creatures and Indian artifacts.

The Yellowstone River in Eastern Montana is renowned worldwide for the quality and abundance of agates found on its shores. Montana's agates, sometimes called plume or moss agates, are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stone's interior.

The Chamber of Commerce has an interesting display of agates and will be able to supply you with the names of several local agate dealers and retailers. Guided rockhouser boat tours are available.

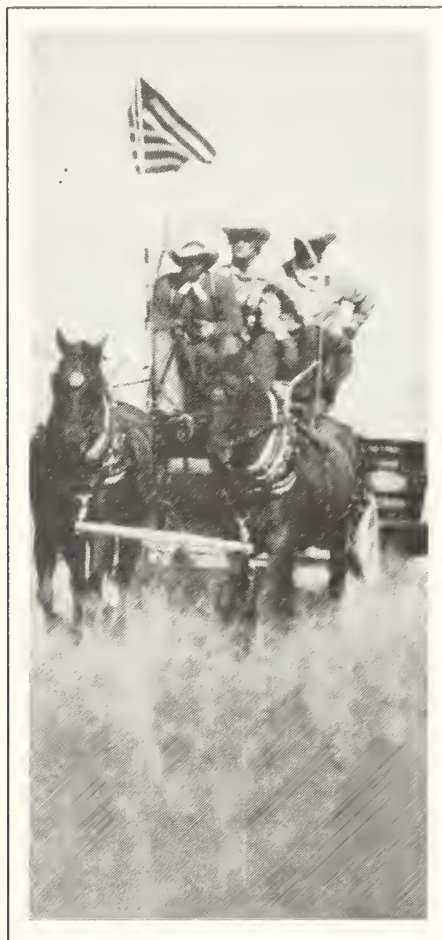
Round 'em Up and Head 'em Out!

This familiar call of the Old West will resound in the Glendive area this summer. A cattle drive is being staged!

From June 18-24, 100 steers, a wagon train and drivers, cowboys, cooks, entertainers, plus 200 tourists from all over the world will be on the trail from Wibaux, MT, to Glendive. It is all part of a unique vacation experience offered by Montana Cattle Drives, Inc.

Many events are being scheduled to coincide with the drive, culminating with a parade down Glendive's main street as the finale.

More information is easily available by writing or calling Montana Cattle Drives, Inc., P.O. Box 1210, Red Lodge, MT 59068. Or phone (406) 446-3060.



The High Prairie Cattle Drive, June 18-24, crosses the scenic badlands along the Yellowstone River, past historic Indian campsites, buffalo jumps, and abundant wildlife. It ends in Glendive at the Old Timers' Rodeo and parade.

D. Delp photo



Spring time is branding time, when good cowboys and good horses round up the spring calves. Unique brands keep ownership straight as cattle graze the vast Montana grasslands.

Mike McCleary photo

Richey: Cattle and Sheep Country

Richey, Montana, north of Glendive, lies in the center of a productive area. This is cattle and sheep country, with wheat, oats and barley being the main farm crops. A lively little friendly town, Richey has a variety of businesses to serve the visitor, a new post office and a museum where you can check out the history of the area.

The Richey Historical Museum has over 5,000 articles of historic interest, including a Model A mail car, a blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memora-

bilia, and newspaper files from 1916 to 1948. Special articles of clothing on display are wedding dresses, World War I and II uniforms, and coats made of buffalo hide, horsehide, raccoon and muskrat. There are washboards and wheelchairs, spinning wheels and musical instruments. Books containing pictures and stories of local pioneers, veterans and churches are on display.

Two fun events are the Richey Rodeo in July and the Fall Festival in September.

State Parks in the Custer Country Region

Listed below is a summary of the eight State Parks in the Custer Country region. "Great Escapes," a guide to Montana's State Parks, by Rick Newby, with more detailed information is available by contacting the Parks Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 1125 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, Montana 59105, 252-4654 or Highway 10 West, Miles City, Montana 59301, 232-4365. The book sells for \$10.

The basic fee policy consists of the following options: **ENTRANCE FEES** - a family passport for \$12.00, or individual fees of 50¢ per person, or a maximum of \$2.00 per carload. Children under 12 are not required to pay a fee. **CAMPING FEES** - an overnight camping fee is charged at areas that do allow camping.

Some variations do exist and are listed in detail for each area below.

MAKOSHIKA

To the Sioux Indians, Ma-ko-shi-ka meant bad earth or bad land. Today the badlands of Makoshika are set aside for visitors to see and enjoy. In addition to the pine-and-juniper-studded badlands formations, the park also houses the fossil remains of such dinosaurs as tyrannosaurus and triceratops. Included within the park are archery and shooting ranges as well as scenic drives and nature trails, a campground, a group picnic area, and many picnic sites. (On Snyder Ave. in Glendive; 8,834 acres; 2,069' el. (406) 365-8596.)

Fees: 50¢ per person up to \$2.00 per carload entrance fee. \$3.00 per night camping fee. \$12.00 annual entrance passport good at all state parks.

MEDICINE ROCKS

As its name implies, Medicine Rocks was a place of "big medicine" where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. "As fantastically beautiful a place as I have ever seen," said one of its first tourists in the late 1800s, a young rancher named Teddy Roosevelt. Weathering has given the soft sandstone rock formations a Swiss-cheese look. The park is also a haven for mule deer, antelope, and sharp-tailed grouse. (25 miles south of Baker on Montana 7; 316 acres; 3,441' el. (406) 232-4365.)

Fees: No charge for entrance or camping in this park.

ROSEBUD BATTLEFIELD

Site of the June 17, 1876, battle between the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians and General George Crook's cavalry and infantry. One of the largest Indian battles ever waged in the United States, it set the stage for the Indian victory eight days later when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his immediate command were wiped out on the

Little Bighorn. (Undeveloped.) (25 miles east of Crow Agency on U.S. 212, then 20 miles south on Secondary 314, then 3 miles west on county road; 3,052 acres; 4,300' el. (406) 232-4365.)

Fees: No charge for entrance to this park. Camp sites not available.

Day use only.

TONGUE RIVER RESERVOIR

The impounded Tongue River provides a 12-mile long reservoir set in the scenic red shale and juniper canyons and open prairies of southeastern Montana. Boating and other water sports are popular here, and the park boasts excellent bass, crappie, walleye, and northern pike fishing. Four state record fish have been pulled from its waters. (6 miles north of Decker on Secondary 314, then 1 mile east on county road; 640 acres; 3,424' el. (406) 232-4365.)

Fees: 50¢ per person up to \$2.00 per carload entrance fee. \$3.00 per night camping fee. \$12.00 annual entrance passport good at all state parks.

LAKE ELMO STATE RECREATION AREA

Lake Elmo is located in Billings Heights at 2400 Lake Elmo Drive. The lake is popular for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating, sailing, sailboarding, sunbathing, and picnicking. The park is open year-round. Lifeguards supervise the swimming area during summer months.

Concession services include food, beverages, sundries, watercraft rentals, and sailboard instruction. Overnight camping, pets, and glass bottles are prohibited.

Fees: An entrance fee is charged starting May 15. Annual family passport is \$12.00 or an individual fee of \$1.00 per adult will be required, and 50¢ for children under 12.

PICTOGRAPH CAVES STATE HISTORIC SITE

This National Historic Landmark is 7 miles southeast of Billings off Highway 87 just south of the Lockwood interchange (#452) then turning south on Coburn Road. Following the pavement for 3 miles, then the remaining 3 miles will be gravel road. (Caution is advisable if the road is wet - if raining this road is impassable.) Unless the road is closed due to weather, the park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days per week from mid-April to mid-October.

The site has paved trails to Pictograph Cave, Middle Cave, and Ghost Cave with interpretive panels along the way explaining the significance of the inhabitation and natural features. Also available are picnic tables, fireplaces, restrooms, benches, a water fountain, and ample parking.

Camping is not allowed and pets must be on a leash. A resident caretaker is usually on hand to offer assistance and to provide secu-

rity and maintenance to the area.

An entrance fee is charged and consists of an annual family passport for \$12.00, or an individual fee of 50¢ per person or maximum of \$2.00 per carload. These fees will be used to maintain this site and to make improvements to the facilities.

Brochures are available at various information offices and at the site.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE HISTORIC PARK

Chief Plenty Coups Memorial is 35 miles south of Billings on Highway 416 and 1 mile west of Pryor. Local residents know of various routes to the site, but first time visitors should use the Lockwood Interchange (#452) off I-90, then follow Highway 87 south to Hardin Road, then turn south and following the signs to Highway 416.

The park is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day and the visitor center/museum is open Friday through Tuesday of each week from May 1 to September 30. Museum hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. In addition to the museum is Chief Plenty Coups' homestead and a Memorial to him and the Crow Indians.

A spacious picnic area is fully developed with tables, grills, restrooms and drinking water. Camping is not allowed and visitors should be familiar with recreation area rules and regulations.

Entrance fees will be charged at the park and can be paid either upon entering the park or at the museum. Fees consist of an annual family passport for \$12.00, or an individual fee of 50¢ per person, or a maximum of \$2.00 per carload.

A brochure is available at local information centers and at the site.

DEADMAN'S BASIN STATE RECREATION AREA

Deadman's Basin Reservoir is reached by driving 75 miles northwest of Billings on Highway 3 to Lavina then turning west on Highway 12. The basin is 5 miles west of Ryegate and 19 miles east of Harlowton.

This lake is used mostly for fishing and boating. Other activities include camping, picnicking, swimming, sightseeing, and group reunions.

Development consists of a large boat ramp, minimal campground areas, outdoor vault restrooms, picnic shelters, picnic tables, fireplaces, and garbage collection system. Seasonal caretakers reside near this site from mid-May to mid-September each year.

Caution is advised since potable water is not available at this area and shade is in short supply. The area is frequently windy.

Fees: No charge for entrance and camping at this site.



Curt Meeds, Montana Agate Adventures, photo

How to Find Montana's Agate Gemstones

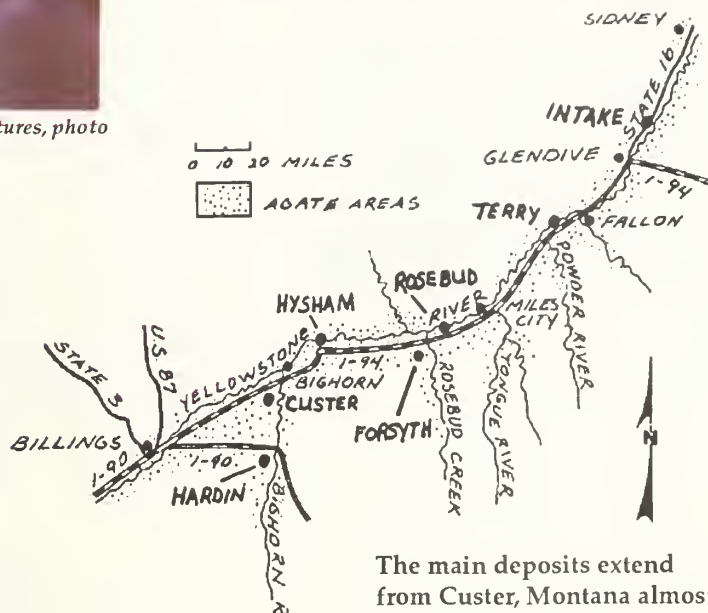
Tips on locating and identifying agates



Jack Clawson, a long-time Custer Country rock-hounder from Hardin, is pictured here with a bounty of agates. The finding of Montana agate, like any good lapidary material, requires the knowledge of where to search and a good deal of perseverance. Rockhounds like Clawson enjoy leading agate-hunting expeditions.



Inquire locally for agate guide service, local rock-hounds or agate shops for guidance in searching out this precious gemstone. Agate occurs primarily in terrace gravel deposits high on the hills above the Yellowstone River and its tributaries, as well as in the sand and gravel bars within the streams and rivers themselves. Since the gravel within streams and rivers is constantly shifting, these are probably the best areas to search.



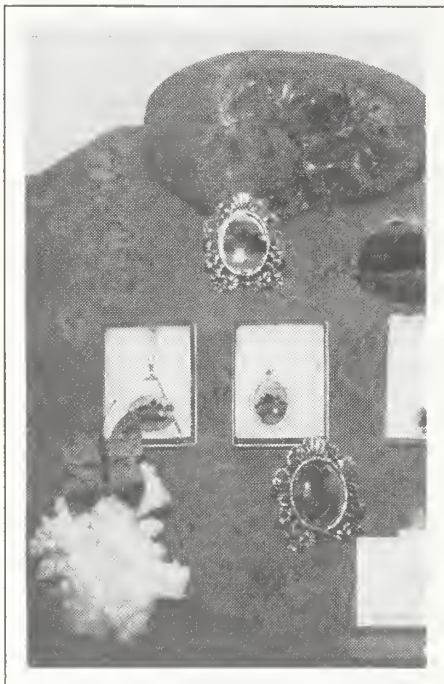
The main deposits extend from Custer, Montana almost to the Missouri River—a distance of about 200 miles

Montana Agate occurs in a variety of patterns, from those with red and dark brown bands to the prized dendritic forms. It is the black "tree-like" design in the dendritic variety which has made Montana Agate one of the most sought after agates in the nation. When viewing high quality dendritic Montana Agate, the imagination can see beautiful lakes surrounded by dense forests.



Agate is a translucent rock with a rough skin.

Terry: Where Gems Grow Along Riverbanks



Agate jewelry is a beautiful souvenir of a visit to Montana.

Photo courtesy of Rogerson Hobby & Gifts

Nestled against the Yellowstone River is Terry, Montana, in the heart of agate country, where people come from all over the United States to hunt along the river, the creeks and nearby hills, gathering the translucent rock with the rough skin. The agate can be clear, spotty, banded, almost black or dendritic. Slabbed with a diamond saw, the rocks are

mostly used for jewelry, wind chimes, lamp shades and coffee tables.

Petrified and agatized wood and colored jaspers are common in this area and occasionally a fossil, Indian artifact or buffalo skull is found. Hunting for these treasures can make a pleasant day, but be sure to ask permission from the owner if hunting on private land.

The Yellowstone River at this point is also known as one of the easy-floating rivers, with currents at 4.7 mph, ideal for the novice or the pro-floater, with scenery and wildlife abundant. Enjoy hunting and fishing at its best in Terry country.

Take a short drive up the "Scenic View" road northwest of Terry to see the famed "Badlands." Terry country is also rich in history. Travel to the famed base camp area of the Custer Expedition and visit the graves of soldiers who died from wounds received in the Battle of the Little Big Horn and where the Far West steamboat docked. Thirty-five miles north of Terry is the location of the battle of General Miles and Sitting Bull. The whole area is rich in sites of buffalo jumps, teepee rings and burial sites of ancient Indians. Stop and investigate.

Terry also offers a hospital, air-

port, churches, rifle range, outdoor theater, museum, historic hotel, motel, campgrounds, tow service, locker plant, a variety of stores, bars and cafes, a newspaper, barber shops, an agate shop, and a helping hand, if needed.

Prairie County Museum

Prairie County Museum is housed in the old State Bank of Terry, an antique treasure itself, with beautiful marble floors and paneling, fine woodwork and lovely glass. It is filled with displays of historic interest: tools, appliances, small machines, and horse and buggy equipment. A dentist office, barber shop, butcher shop, one-room school, library, hospital room, laundry, kitchen, dining room and bedroom date back to the turn of the century. Also on display are thousands of old photographs, and an extensive manuscript file is being built.

Museum members are helpful to tourists and to past residents searching out historical sites and places of interest.

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Miles City: Cowboy Capital of Montana

History

Miles City, the county seat of Custer County, is truly a roughneck cowboy delight. Featured as the town where Gus McRae died in the ABC Mini-series "Lonesome Dove," the city is today a thriving, up-to-date community which holds to its western culture with great pride and perseverance. Historically speaking, Miles City came into existence on the heels of a military expedition sent into the Valley from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, following the Battle of the Little Big Horn, on June 25, 1876, when Gen. Custer and his immediate command of five troops of the 7th Cavalry were annihilated by the Sioux Indians led by Sitting Bull.

It is interesting to know the origin of the community. Col. (later Gen.) Nelson A. Miles, in command of the six companies of the 5th Cavalry stationed at Fort Leavenworth the summer of 1876, received orders to pro-

ceed to the Yellowstone Valley in Montana, and there to establish a cantonment from which he was to conduct a campaign to compel bands of wandering Indians to return to their reservations.

Arriving early in the fall, Miles conferred with Gen. Alfred E. Terry, commanding the Department of the Dakotas, who was still in the field following the Custer massacre. He selected a site at the mouth of the Tongue River on which to build the cantonment. The Army engineers surveyed the tract of land 10 miles square and established a reservation. It was just across this reservation on the east of the south bank of the Yellowstone River that the first village was set up. A year later when the War Department abandoned it, the village "moved" itself, cabins and appurtenances, to the present site. The new community was named "Miles City" in honor of the commanding officer. While the village

was founded in 1877, it was not until 1887 that Miles City was incorporated.

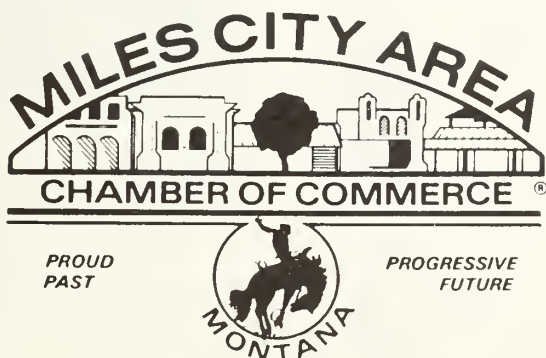
As the cattle industry was most important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers' Association was formed in Miles City in 1884. The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 predetermined that Miles City should become a leading cattle market.

Facts and Figures

Miles City has a population of about 10,000, a figure which has remained stable for many years. The town is 2,371 feet above sea level. Miles City benefits from a widely diversified economic base. The agricultural industry surrounding Miles City is comprised of both livestock and grains. The location of Miles City on the interstate system encourages many tourism ventures. Its retail and service business draws from a large geographic area, accommodating central shopping and professional services for many surrounding communities. Miles City is also a service hub for many state and federal agencies. The motto of the Chamber of Commerce, "Proud Past - Progressive Future," defines the attitude and optimism of Miles City.

Natural Oasis

The pause that refreshes on a hot summer day is a dip in Miles City's unique outdoor municipal pool, a "natural oasis," located next to the city park which is perfect for picnicking or just relaxing. Just a short distance from the pool is a recreation area which has boating facilities. Plenty of fishing sites may be found along the Tongue and Yellowstone Rivers, and a number of reservoirs in the Miles City area are also available for fishing. Rock hunting is a popular pastime, and agates can be found in quantity along the Yellowstone River. A variety of other recreational activities are available: tennis, golf, bowling, rollerskating, racquetball, movies, and river floating.



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Range Riders Museum

Custer Country photo

Range Riders Museum

With the addition of the Bert Clark Gun Collection, the Range Riders Museum has truly become one of the finest in the Northwest. The collection, which numbers in excess of 400 pieces, is a result of a lifetime of collecting by Mr. Clark. The collection includes pieces from the Revolutionary War era, and the firearms used by the early day settlers and military personnel. It also includes such exotics as a set of duelling pistols from Belgium and an elephant gun which was manufactured by T. Hollis and Sons of England in the early 1840's. This gun is one of only eight manufactured and one of four known to exist today. The collection is housed in a specially designed building which has now become an integral part of the museum complex.

The museum complex is set on the

original site of the Fort Keogh cantonment. It has grown to include the main building, the Clark Gun Collection Building, Memorial Hall, Fort Keogh's Officers Quarters Building, the Heritage Center, and an original log cabin. Each unit has its own story to tell; yet each is a part of the overall history of the west.

The main building is constructed of solid logs which were shipped from Western Montana by the Northern Pacific Railroad. They were hauled from the railhead and assembled at the present site. It was built in the late 1930's by a group of men who wanted a place to meet, swap stories and reminisce about the early days of Eastern Montana.

The Pioneer Memorial Hall, dedicated in 1959, houses nearly 500 pictures and plaques of pioneers who helped settle this country.

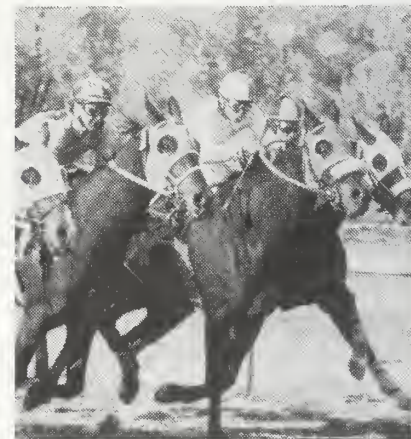
The Officers Quarters Building, which was moved in from Fort Keogh, is one of the few buildings left of the original fort which at one time was the largest military post in Montana.

The Heritage Center houses many of the horse drawn units used in days gone by. Many of the units on display are still used in parades and on special occasions. Within the center you can stroll down a replica of Miles City's early streets. The replica is complete with shops, a saloon and a blacksmith shop.

Last, but not least, is the log cabin

built by the late "Sal" Cain. This one room building measures 18' by 28' and is constructed of hand-hewn logs. The one room is the kitchen, living room, family room, bedroom, dining room and laundry.

The items on display at the museum are as diverse as the Montana landscape. It is a must that you stop while traveling through the great state of Montana. The time spent, whether it be for one hour or one day, will give you a better insight into the hardships and the adverse conditions the early day settlers overcame to make this such a great country. The museum is indeed a lasting tribute to these early day pioneers.



Horse races are ever popular on the Miles City scene. Track dates are May 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28.

Gerald Anglum photo

CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER

1990 Calendar Of Events

- ☐ The Western Art Roundup-Concurrent with Miles City Jaycees Bucking Horse Sale: May 2-June 10 Quick-Draw Art Auction and Tales and Ballads of the Range Cowboy poetry program, May 19, in Riverside Park.
- ☐ "Orah Moore Photography" and "Mothers and Daughters" June 13-July 15
- ☐ "The Collograph" July 18-September 2
- ☐ "15th Annual Art Auction Exhibit" September 5-November 3
Auction: November 3, Miles City Town and Country Club, 8 p.m.
- ☐ "The Influence of Oriental Rugs on Navajo Weaving" November 7-December 30

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THE WESTERN ART ROUNDUP ©



Custer Country Art Center features a Western Art Roundup Show which includes a Quick Draw Art Auction. The brushes are drawn for the showdown, May 19.

Custer County Art Center

Another "don't miss" attraction in Miles City is the Custer County Art Center.

It is one of the major art centers in the state and is open year round. Located in a beautiful park setting, the art center building was adapted from an old waterworks plant and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It received the first Governor's Award for the present day use of a historic Montana building.

The center features works of art from local, state, and regional artists, as well as from travelling exhibits of national importance. Eight new exhibits open periodically throughout the year. The art center also houses workshop space for youth and adult classes in the visual and plastic arts, and a gift shop that offers quality, hand-crafted items by Montana artists.

Coffrin's Old West Gallery

For the art-photography buff, viewing the works of old west photographer L.A. Huffman is a must. Huffman came to Montana territory in 1878 to become the post photographer at Fort Keogh, the Army post. Huffman's remarkable photographs recorded the history of an era that included the last of the Indian wars, the great buffalo herds, the frontier towns, the coming of the railroads, the vast trail herds, and the rugged life of the cattleman. The quality of the photographs, taken with a crude

homemade camera, and often shot astride a moving horse, is a testament to Huffman's genius. Coffrin's Old West Gallery, where Huffman prints can be viewed or purchased in a wide variety of forms, draws visitors from every state in the union and from many foreign countries.

Golf Course

If you're looking for a little pleasant exercise in an equally pleasant setting, you can't do much better than Miles City's Town and Country Club.

The Town and Country Club golf course, located on the southwest corner of town on the east banks of the Tongue River, is not in a small-town class. The nine-hole golf course combines the aesthetics of relaxing cottonwood-shaded greenery with contours that can be a challenge to the swinger looking to improve his or her golf game.

The club is open to the public through greens fees, and its many social functions are often open to the general public as well.



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Eastern Montana Fair

The Eastern Montana Fair is a four-day event beginning in August. The fair-goer can expect to see such attractions as rodeos, tractor pulls, demolition derby, plus commercial exhibits and a carnival. Many other special activities will be taking place in the '90 Eastern Montana Fair.

Barn Players Group

The Barn Players, the oldest summer theater group in Montana, perform four outstanding plays during the summer, including a musical. Play dates are available at the Chamber office.

Accommodations

Miles City has 17 restaurants, including both sit-down and fast food types, two supper clubs, and four lunch counters. The eating establishments are conveniently located in three areas: Downtown, Haynes Avenue and Valley Drive East.

Overnight lodging is available in the same areas. There are 10 hotels/motels with a total of 488 units, as well as a campground facility located on the west end of town.

Broadcasting

Covering Eastern Montana
NEWS-WEATHER-MUSIC: KICK-FM 101.3, AM 1250; KATL-AM 770; KMCM-FM 925; KMTA-AM 1050.

The local newspaper is the Miles City Star.

Miles City Calendar of Events

May

Community Concert 1
Cow Capital Turf Club Racing 12-28
Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale 18-20
Custer County Art Center Quick
Draw and Cowboy Poetry and Art in
the Park 19

June

Big Brothers & Sisters Duck Race...2
Centennial Quilters Show.....16
Hot Air Balloon Rally 22-24
Fort Keogh Historic
Reenactment.....22-24
Big Sky Regional State Games June
29, 30-July 1

July

Miller-Lite 10 State Tourney 4, 5, 6

August

Celebrity Shootout Pistol
Competition 11
General Miles Birthday
Celebration.....12
Eastern Montana Fair.....16-19

September

Farmers/Ranchers Ag Banquet.....8
Montana Ram Sale.....13
Football: Western MT College vs.
Mayville State 15

October

Heritage Quest Road Show 2
Octoberfest.....Mid-October



Trailing cattle down Main Street is a bit of a novelty even in Miles City, the Cowboy Capital of Montana. These cows and cowboys are headed for the stockyards west of town.

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Lots of visiting that's done on the range is done on horseback. These ranch hands exchange stories as they give their horses a break from cutting calves away from the herd for branding.

Mike McCleary photo

General Miles Celebrations

General Nelson A. Miles, a very close friend of Col. George Armstrong Custer, had outstanding influence in the opening of the West.

By his uniquely successful military campaigns, his human negotiations and post-capitulation treatment of the various Indian tribes, he was able to establish and maintain peace.

Two celebrations will be held in memory of General Miles in 1990. On June 22-24, the Fort Keogh Historic Reenactment will feature the year 1877 and inhabitants of the area at that time. There will be civilian scouts living in lodges, buffalo hunters in their picturesque clothing,

military forces, the Northern Cheyenne Bearcoat Scouts, and artists and craftsmen creating their

wares as they did in the 1877 era.

On August 11, a Celebrity Shootout Pistol Competition is scheduled. And on August 12, a full-blown General Miles Birthday Celebration is planned.

Everyone is invited to join the fun at all events. For details, phone (406) 232-4268 or (406) 232-3784.

Lewis and Clark Trail

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began from St. Louis, heading up the Missouri River and continuing on to the west coast. On the return trip, the party split and Clark, with 10 men, Sacajawea and her 18-month-old son "Pomp" moved eastward to explore the route to the mouth of the Yellowstone. Clark and party stopped at various points along the Yellowstone River to camp, make canoes and record their historic journey. The Lewis and Clark Trail markers point out the route of the famous expedition.



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The World Famous Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale

The entwinement of the histories of eastern Montana and the horse is paid homage during the third week-end of May at the Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale, the biggest and most famous annual event in Miles City. Rodeo stock contractors from many states come to Miles City to watch the best of the wild, undomesticated horses buck.

The more promising horses are sold in auction, and appear in rodeos all over the United States. The wild buck-outs are interspersed with quarter horse and thoroughbred racing under the sponsorship of the Cow Capital Turf Club, as the Bucking Horse Sale comes during the heart of the spring horse racing season. Pari-mutuel betting is permitted and features computerized wagering systems along with Simulcast of the Kentucky Derby. Enhancing the big event are other activities such as western barbecues, Western Art Quick Draw, a cowboy poet gathering, dancing in the streets, and a western parade. The Bucking Horse Sale attracts crowds from out-of-town, so early reservations for accommodations are recommended. Call the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce for more information (406) 232-2890.



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1882. The town was named after General James H. Forsyth, the first U.S. Army officer to land by steamer at the site of the present town.

Lewis and Clark Trail

In their exploration of the great Northwest Territory, William Clark passed through Rosebud County on July 28, 1806 enroute down the Yellowstone River to meet Meriwether Lewis, who was traveling down the Missouri River. Forsyth is located along what is known as the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Hunting and Fishing

If hunting and fishing spark your fancy, the Forsyth area will certainly appeal to you. Big game hunting includes trophy antelope as well as mule deer and whitetail deer.

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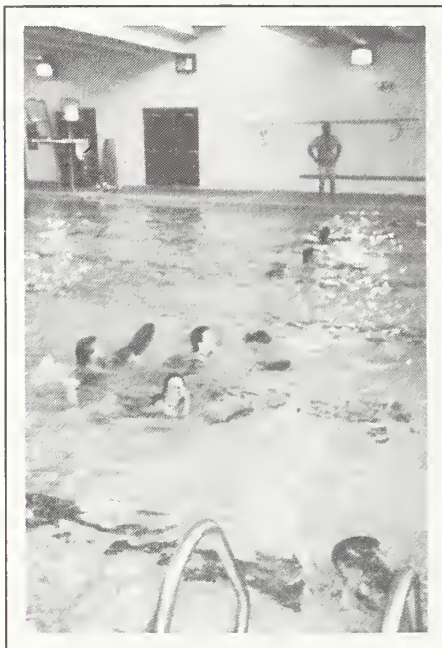


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Custer Was Here

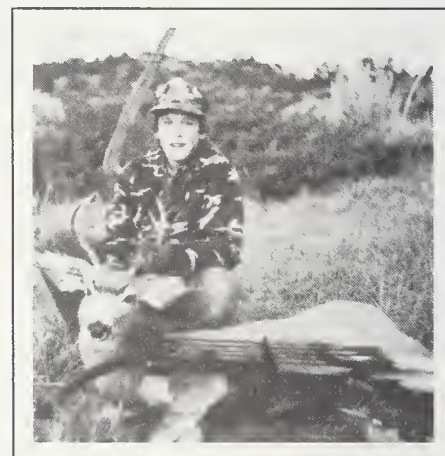
Near the town of Rosebud, just nine miles east of Forsyth, is the spot where General Custer camped at the mouth of Rosebud Creek before traveling up that creek on his way to the Little Big Horn in his ill-fated campaign against the Indians. His trek to the Custer Battlefield, 100 miles south of Forsyth, is marked, showing some of the embattlements from his Indian skirmishes.

Interested in Recreation?

A variety of recreational opportunities are available in the Forsyth area. Parks provide a variety of activities including football, track, baseball and softball fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, swimming and wading pools, bathroom facilities, covered grandstands and grassy play areas. There are also ice skating rinks, tourist parks, lighted tennis courts and racquetball facilities.

There are a number of beautiful lakes and reservoirs located near

Forsyth for boating, swimming and water skiing. In winter, cross country skiing and snowmobiling are popular.

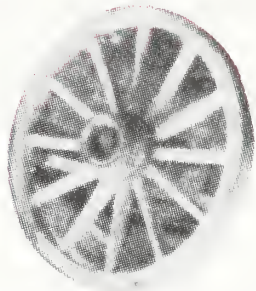


Many a bow hunter is successful in the coulees and draws near Forsyth.

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Situated next to the courthouse is the Rosebud County Pioneer Museum which you may visit for a glimpse of the past, including items used by early settlers, and many pictures of things and people as they were "in the olden days."

Forsyth Horse Show

The Forsyth Horse Show is a two-day event held on June 2 and 3, 1990. Showing and judging of all classes of horses are held. This show will be

celebrating its 39th year of sponsoring excellent performance and halter classes, open to registered paint, appaloosa and quarter horse exhibitors. NRA rodeo will be featured and you won't want to miss a Forsyth-style parade.

While oil, coal, and lumbering are among the top industries in the area, dry land and irrigated farming is prominent, and the raising of beef cattle and good quality horses ranks among the top activities in the area. Thousands of cattle are shipped to

market from this area annually. Many horses are trained and shown throughout the northwest.

Sheep and wool are also of economic importance in the county.

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D. Delp photo

flower shop, crafts shop, and a variety of gift shops. Tillitt Field, located three miles east of Forsyth, is a county operated airport with terminal service.

Rosebud County

Rosebud County, established in 1901, is the third largest county in the fourth largest state in the U.S. It is more than four times the size of the state of Rhode Island.

In the southern portion of the

county is the Northern Cheyenne Reservation with a population of 3,100. The Cheyennes are "The Morning Star People."

Also of interest in the county are St. Labre Indian School at Ashland, and Colstrip, the site of one of the largest strip coal mines in the state.

In the town of Rosebud, a site of interest is a non-denominational church which is the oldest continuously operating church in the state.

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May

Memorial Day Golf Tourney
(member-guest).....25-27

June

Horse Show & NRA Rodeo.....2-3
Horse Show Parade 2
Mayor's Cup Run 9

July

4th of July Celebration & Fireworks
Display 4
Annual Yellow Duck Festival 21

August

1969 Forsyth Class Reunion..... 5-6
Rosebud-Treasure County Fair &
Rodeo..... 9-12
Farmers' Market..... 25

September

4-Roses Horse Endurance Race...1-2
Farmers' Market.....8
Ray Landreth Memorial Shoot.....9

Far West State Recreation Area: 1
mile north of Rosebud on Secondary
446, then 1/2 mile west on county
road.

Rosebud State Recreation Area
(East Unit): I-94 at Forsyth, east exit,
then north to Yellowstone River.

Rosebud State Recreation Area
(West Unit): west of Forsyth on U.S.
12, at south end of Yellowstone River
Bridge, milepost 270.

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Centennial's Best Meat Loaf

The following recipe was prepared by Kathy Weinberg, a member of Big Horn County's Peg-A-Way 4-H Club of Custer, MT, for the State 4-H "Stir-Ups Contest" at Bozeman, MT. She won first place, a trip to compete in the National Invitational 4-H Beef Ambassador competition in Louisville, KY, in November of 1989. She placed sixth out of twenty-two states, receiving a \$100 savings bond.

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 medium onion, minced
- 3 slices white bread, crumbled
- 1 medium carrot, finely grated
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons bottled horseradish
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons prepared mustard

Topping: 1/2 cup hickory flavored barbecue sauce.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Crumble beef in medium size bowl. Add minced onion, bread crumbs, and grated carrot, mixing gently. Slightly beat eggs in small bowl, then add horseradish, salt, and mustard. Blend well. Add egg mixture to the meat ingredients. Mix together. Shape into 9 1/4" by 5 1/4" by 2 1/2" loaf pan. Pack well. Pour topping over meat loaf. Bake at 350° F. for 1 hour. Remove from oven and drain excess fat from meat loaf. Place meat loaf on serving dish and garnish as desired. Serves 6. Approximately 311 calories per 3 oz. serving.

Pitchfork Fondue

Sirloin steak, cut 3/4 inch thick, about 6 oz. size. Trim all fat and sinew from steak — this is important, as the fat causes smoking and the sinew causes the steak to curl.

Use an iron caldron (about 20 gallon size) and fill 1/2 to 2/3 of the depth of the caldron with Crisco oil (again, using this brand of oil is important).

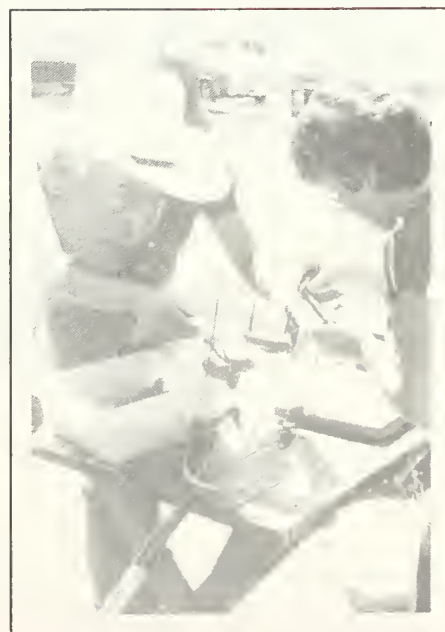
Hanging caldron over a wood fire, heat until oil reaches 500 degrees.

Pierce steaks onto the tines of a shiny new pitchfork and immerse in the hot oil for exactly 1-1/2 minutes.

Serve with baked beans, cole slaw and fresh rolls for a truly Western treat.

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There is an art to cooking pitchfork fondue style! The hot, tender steaks are a favorite at cookouts like the Country Fun Weekend in Hardin.

Milt Wester Photo



A familiar landmark on the Highway 39-212 route to Custer Battlefield, is the Montana Power Plant complex.

E.J. McNicol photo

Colstrip: The Town That Coal Built

Colstrip, Montana, was born in 1924 when the Northern Pacific Railroad started mining coal nearby for fuel for their steam locomotives. They had engines called Mallets that pulled freight trains over the Rockies and Cascades. These freight trains were a mile long and consumed a lot of fuel. Forty-four million tons of coal were produced before the diesel locomotives took over in 1958.

The Montana Power Company purchased the coal leases in 1959 from the Northern Pacific and with this they acquired the mining machinery and Colstrip town site.

A subsidiary of Montana Power Co., Western Energy Co., started mining the coal in 1968. At this time Colstrip had 63 houses, a school, two churches, a grain elevator, and a few buildings left from the early days.

Construction of Colstrip Power Plants 1 and 2 started in the fall of 1971, bringing work to eastern Montana and growing pains to Colstrip. Approximately \$315 million was spent on these units, not including the \$35 million for the steel tower transmission lines. Construction on Colstrip Units 3 and 4 began in 1979, at a cost of \$1.8 billion.

Now in Colstrip, you'll find lovely homes, townhouses and duplex units; playgrounds and parks are in every neighborhood. The school and recreational facilities are unsurpassed. There are baseball and ice skating complexes, a swimming pool, tennis courts, wading pools, basketball courts, bike paths and tot lots. A wide range of merchants provide the visitor with just about any needed item. Entertainment avail-

able includes bowling lanes and a movie theater.

Free Tours

At the Colstrip Visitor Center, video tapes explain some of the history of Colstrip, the operation of a coal-fired power plant and the workings of an open-pit coal mine. Visitor Center hours are as follows: Memorial Day to Labor Day, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Labor Day to Memorial Day, Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tours are available to the Rosebud open-pit coal mine on a daily basis, with the Colstrip Visitor Center furnishing both the guide and the transportation at no charge. Reservations are suggested during the summer. Call (406) 748-3746 during regular business hours. Tours at Big Sky Mine are available by appointment. Call (406) 748-2321.

MONTANA POWER COMPANY/ Colstrip Project Division and WESTERN ENERGY COMPANY



We invite everyone to visit Colstrip. Our Visitor Center located at 6200 Main Street offers free tours Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. As seating on tours is limited, please call 748-3746 to make your reservations.

Nearby

Colstrip is located on the way to and from the Black Hills of South Dakota; is on the route to Yellowstone Park; is only a 1-1/2 hour drive from Pompey's Pillar (another national landmark). Two Indian reservations—the Crow and the Northern Cheyenne—are located south of Colstrip, and both offer various celebrations throughout the year.

Don't miss the Annual Northern Cheyenne Pow Wow at Lame Deer, Montana, 25 miles south of Colstrip, the 4th of July weekend.

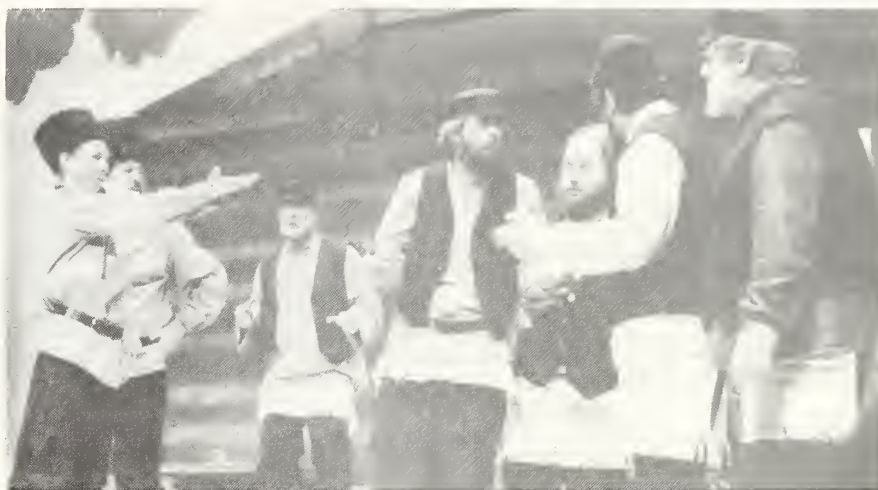
1990 Activities in Colstrip June

Colstrip Days 22, 23, 24
Melodrama 22, 23, 24
Parade, 10:00 a.m. 23

Entertainment, games, food at Rye Park following Parade.

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Drama is at its best as Coal and Cattle Players perform during Colstrip Days, above. Stop, relax and let your children play in one of the many parks in Colstrip, like the one shown, right.

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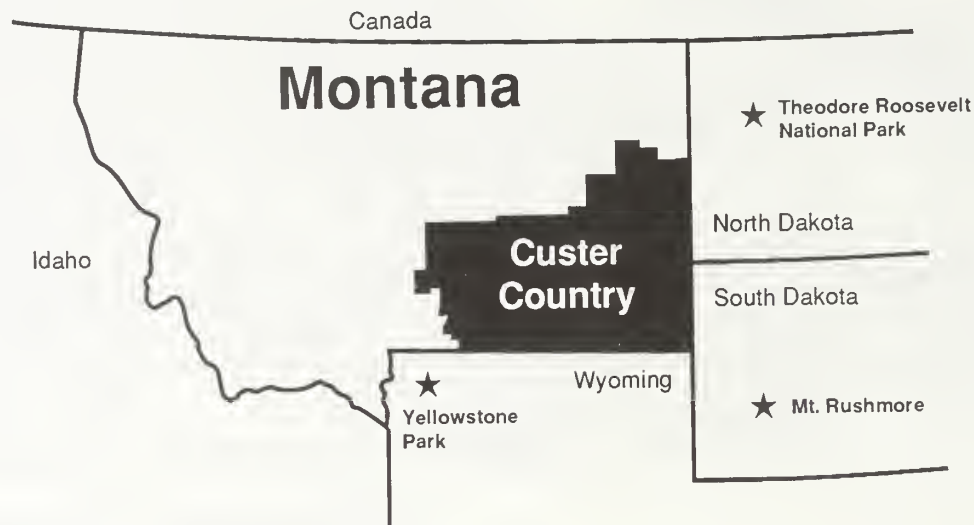


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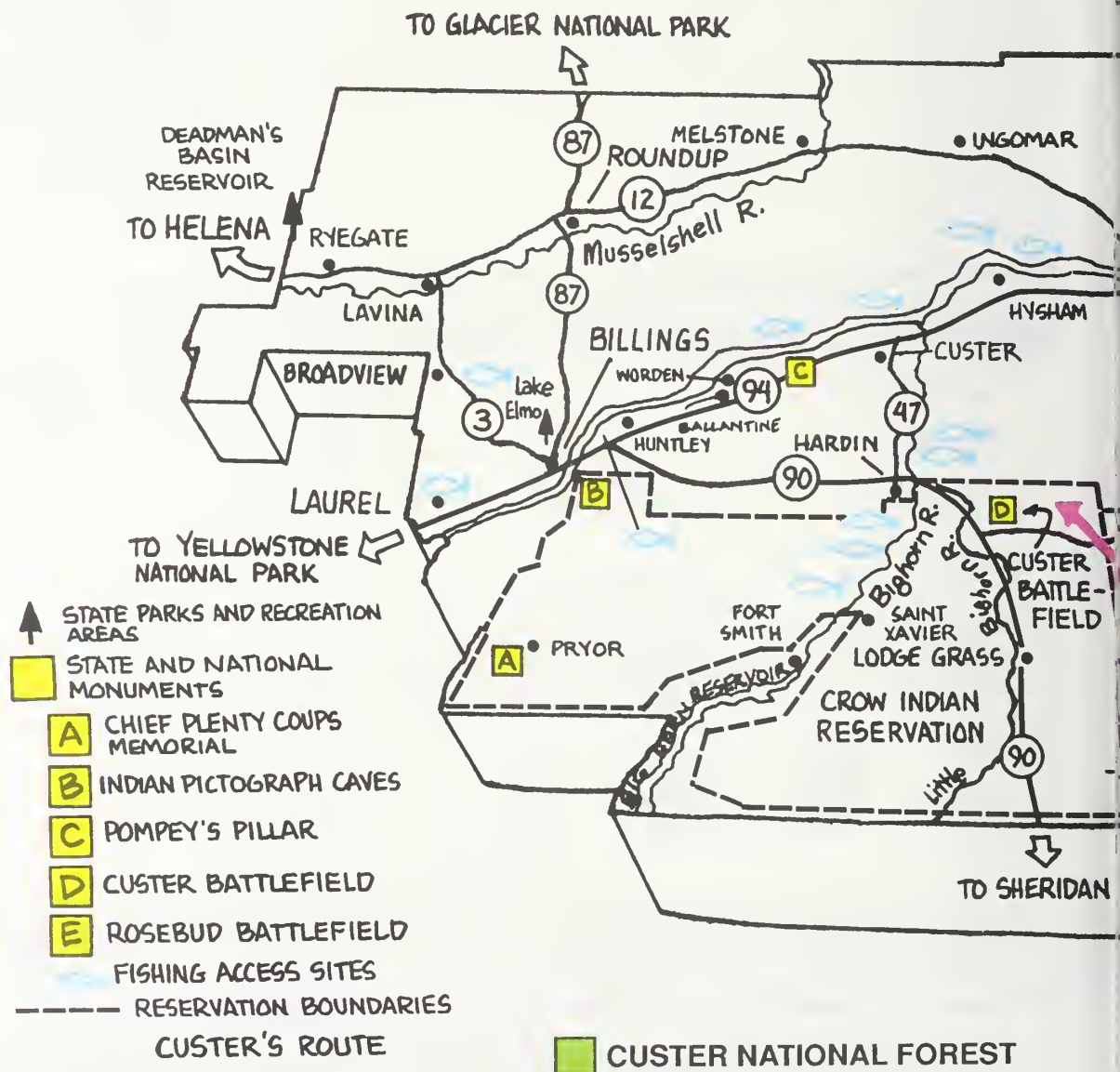
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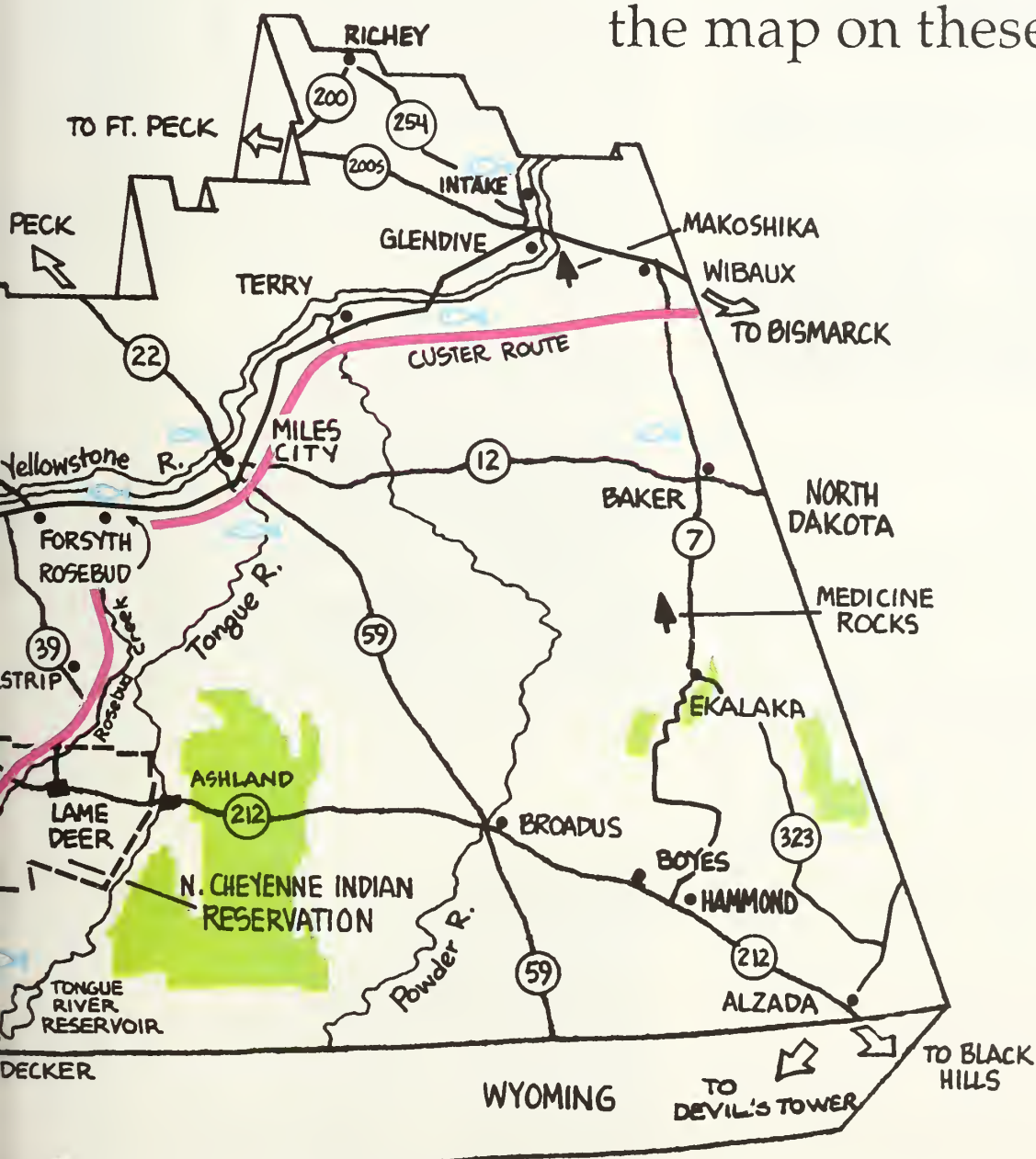


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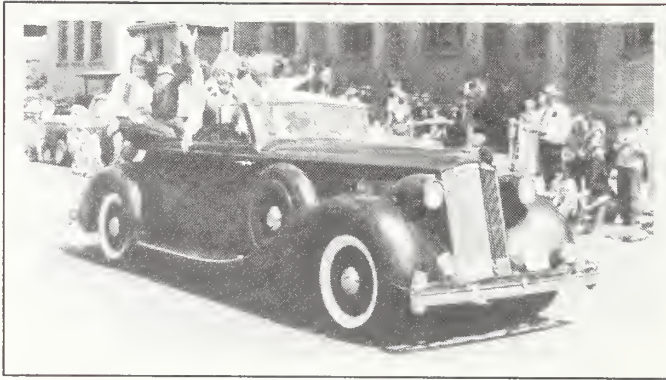
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1990 Vacation Planner



Blue Blazers, Billings' welcoming ambassadors, wave to crowds from this vintage Packard in the Jaycee's Western Days Parade in Billings. *Photo by Gloria Wester*

April

Mens State Bowling Tournament, Weekends, Billings	1-30
Romeo & Juliet Ballet, Billings	14
The Judds in Concert, MetraPark, Billings	20
Symphony and Chorale, Billings	21
Peaks to Prairie Race, Run, Bike, Boat, Red Lodge to Billings.....	22
Ballet Hispanico, Billings	28

May

Community Concert, Miles City	1
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Billings.....	2
Randy Travis Concert, MetraPark, Billings	11
Carousel, Musical at ABT, Billings.....	11, 12, 18
Cow Capitol Turf Club Racing, Wknds., Miles City.....	12-28
NILE Spring Horse Show & Sale, Billings.....	18-19
Mrs. Montana Pageant, Billings	19
Bucking Horse Sale, Miles City	18-20
Quick Draw Art Auction, Miles City	19
Cowboy Poetry and Art in the Park, Miles City	19
Arts & Crafts Fair, EMC, Billings	20
Rendezvous of Elk River Plainsmen of Billings, at Red Lodge.....	25-28

June

White Snake in concert, MetraPark, Billings	1
Duck Race, Miles City.....	2
Horse Show & Parade, Forsyth	2
Horse Show & NRA Rodeo, Forsyth	2-3
Bump & Run Motorcross Rally, Roundup	3
Antique Show & Sale, MetraPark, Billings.....	8-10
Horse Clinic, Roundup.....	9
Mayor's Cup Race, Forsyth	9
Rubber Duck Regatta, Riverfront Park, Billings.....	9
Midland Empire Horse Show, Quarter Horse, and Arabian Horse Show, MetraPark, Billings.....	15-24
Centennial Quilter's Show, Miles City	16
Schooling Horse Show & Team Roping, Wibaux	16-17
High Prairie Cattle Drive to Glendive, thru July 3	26
All-Arabian Class A Horse Show, Billings	18-21

Little Big Horn Days—Parades, Rodeo, Hardin.....	21-24
Miss Montana Pageant, ABT, Billings	22
Hot Air Balloon Rally, Miles City	22-24
Carnival, Colstrip.....	22-24
Colstrip Days, Colstrip.....	22-24
Two Moons Annual World Peace Gathering, Busby	22-25
Custer's Last Stand Reenactment, Hardin	22-24
Fort Keogh Historic Reenactment, Miles City	22-24
Ranch Rodeo, Hardin	23
Western Days Parade, Entertainment, Billings.....	29-30
Big Sky State Games Regional, thru July 1, Miles City & Glendive	29
Little Levi Rodeo (12 and under), Broadus	30

July

Concert & Fireworks, Roundup	3
Parade & Rodeo, Roundup	4
Rodeo, Parade, Ropings, Broadus	3-4
Street Dance, Laurel	3
Parades, Fireworks, Laurel	4



Custer Country Parades are full of colorful floats. 1989 was Montana's Centennial. *Gloria Wester photo*

International Baseball Tournament, Laurel.....	2-4
Fireworks, Amateur Rodeo, Talent Show, Hardin	4
Celebration & Contests, Baker.....	4
Amateur Rodeo, Terry	4
10-State Baseball Tournament, Miles City	4-6
Fireworks at Belltower, near Ekalaka	4
Northern Cheyenne PowWow, Lame Deer	4
Rodeo, Parade, Demolition Derby, Glendive	4
Tri-County Horse Show, Roundup.....	14-15
Yellowstone River Boat Float, Laurel	20-23
Youth Rodeo (ages 1-18), Wibaux	15
Tri-County & 4-H Fair, Roundup.....	19-21
Big Sky State Games, Billings.....	20-22
Yellow Duck Festival, Forsyth.....	21
Summerfair Art Center Benefit, RMC, Billings	21-22
Homesteader Days, Huntley	21-22
Youth & Open Fair, Hardin.....	26-29
Bull Mountain Horse Cutting, Roundup.....	29-31

Calendar of Events—1990



The welcome to Montana's cattle drives and ranch activities is as wide as the smile on this cowgirl's face.

E.M. Howard photo

August

Ekalaka Cattle Drive to Ekalaka	6-13
Rosebud-Treasure County Fair & NRA Rodeo, Forsyth	9-12
Parade, Forsyth	11
Days of '85 Fair, Rodeo, Parade, Ekalaka	10-12
Big Sky Indian Market, EMC, Billings	10-12
Dawson County Fair & Rodeos, Glendive	10-12
Celebrity Shootout Pistol Competition, Miles City	11
Western Heritage Folk Fest, RMC, Billings	11-12
Montana Fair, Carnival, Horse Races, Stars, Exhibits, Chili Cookoff, MetraPark, Billings	11-18
General Miles Birthday Celebration, Miles City	12
Powder River Cattle Drive to Broadus	12-19
Medicine Rocks Cattle Drive to Baker	12-19
Powder River Fair, Broadus	15-17



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Crow Fair, Rodeo & Parade, Crow Agency	16-20
Eastern Montana Fair, Miles City	16-19
Prairie County Fair, Terry	17-19
County Fair, Parade & Rodeo, Baker	17-19
Big Sky Air Show, Billings	23-25
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There are many fine dancing performances at Herbstfest and Octoberfest celebrations.

Milt Wester photo

September

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Northern Cheyenne Reservation: Home of the Morning Star People



—WOHEHIV—
The Morning Star

The Morning Star design is the official emblem of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. The origin of this design is lost in antiquity, but it has always carried a very special meaning down through the generations. For the Cheyennes, the Morning Star "lights the morning sky and shines more brightly than the other stars." It has a different color. The

Cheyennes often pray when they see this star early in the morning sky. It has its own name in the Cheyenne language: WOHEHIV.

The Morning Star design is used as the trademark on craft items as well as being the officially recorded brand of the Cheyenne cattle herd.

The Northern Cheyenne Reservation is comprised of 444,525 acres and is in Rosebud and Big Horn Counties, extending from the Crow Reservation eastward to the Tongue River. It is not checkerboarded with non-Indian land as are most reservations in this area. About 20 percent of the Indian families live in the rural area along the streams and rivers. The remainder are concentrated principally in four small towns in the area.

Lame Deer

Lame Deer is headquarters for the

tribe and the site of the offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Northern Cheyenne annual powwow takes place every July 4th, with competitive Indian dancing contests, parades, etc. Places are available to camp, and photography is encouraged.

In the Lame Deer Cemetery are the graves of Chief Dull Knife (also known as "Morning Star") and Chief Little Wolf, who together historically led a small band of Northern Cheyenne Indians back to the homeland from exile in the Indian lands of Oklahoma, following the tribe's participation in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

At Crazy Head Springs, eight miles east of Lame Deer, is a buffalo pasture with 70 head of buffalo, a small fishing pond, and picnic spots.

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Cheyenne Depot Makes History

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Annual Northern Cheyenne Pow Wow

Put this date on your calendar—July 4, 1990. You won't want to miss the traditional Pow Wow held in Lame Deer every year at this time. There'll be the Princess Contest (all princesses welcome), dance contests in all categories, parades and grand entries. Gourd dancing is held daily, and rations and feasting are always part of the festivities. All drums, dancers and singers are welcome. For more information, contact the Tribal Secretary, (406) 477-6284.

Dates to Remember

June 22-25—Two Moons Annual

World Peace Gathering.

July 4 —Lame Deer Pow Wow
Sept. 1, 2, 3—Ashland Pow Wow
Busby

Busby, located in Big Horn County, was named after a white trader, Floyd Busby, who built the first trading post on the townsite. The trading post was destroyed by fire in 1980.

Chief Two Moons Monument at Busby was built in 1936 by an Indian trader, Monicure, in memory of Chief Two Moons who participated in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Two Moons Annual World Peace Gathering

At the Austin Two Moons Ranch on Rosebud Creek, five miles east of Busby on Highway 212, will be held the annual Two Moons World Peace gathering on June 22-25, 1990. Sunrise prayer ceremonies will be held at the ranch June 22-24, followed by current Indian issues discussions throughout the day. On June 25, the prayer ceremony will be at Custer Battlefield, returning to the Two Moon Ranch for a feast.

Free camping is available at the ranch and along Rosebud Creek at various places.

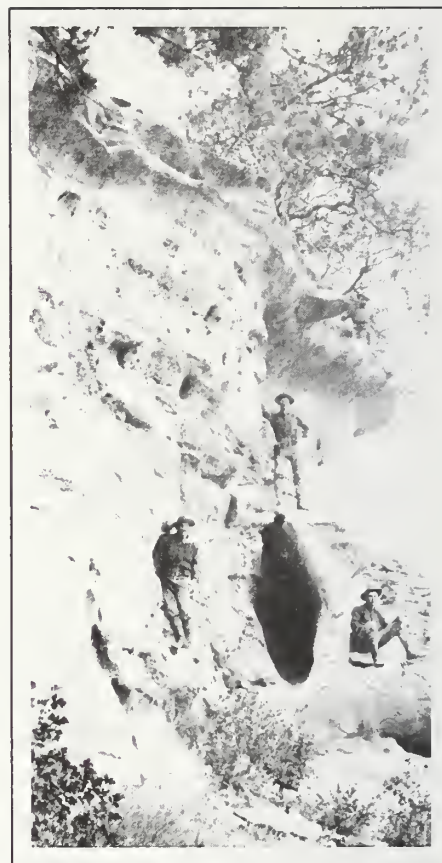
Ashland

At Ashland, 21 miles east of Lame Deer, is the St. Labre Mission and the Cheyenne Indian Museum. Take the time to visit these two attractions, located side-by-side on the edge of Ashland. Free tours of the mission and museum are available.

Highway 212

Located on Highway 212, the shortest route between the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park, Ashland is an ideal spot to take a break. It has the Cheyenne Reservation on one side and a beautiful segment of Custer National Forest on the other. The town has traveler comforts—motel, cafe, groceries, propane fill-ups, gas, antique shops, and a bank. Authentic beadwork is available, as well as beads and other craft materials.

Ashland can also be reached from I-90. Just exit at Custer Battlefield, at the Highway 212 junction.



This early photo records the existence of Lame Deer's tomb, in sandstone bluffs near Lame Deer, Montana.

L.A. Huffman photo

Courtesy of Coffrin's Gallery, Miles City, MT

Reservation History

After the Northern Cheyennes helped defeat Custer in 1876, their pursuit eventually caused them to be detained in Oklahoma Indian Territory. Despite promises they could later return to Montana, these promises were never kept. Sick and hungry, determined to return to their homeland on Sept. 7, 1878 the Cheyennes under Dull Knife (also called Morning Star) and Little Wolf escaped. Pursued in the rear, intercepted on their way, these heroic people fought, froze and starved to death to reach home. An executive order of Nov. 26, 1884 finally set aside a tract of country for the Northern Cheyennes in Montana.

Pow Wow

Labor Day Weekend is Pow Wow time in Ashland. This Native American festivity lasts all weekend and visitors are always welcome!

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St. Labre Indian School

St. Labre dates back more than 100 years. In 1883, a soldier, Private George Yoakam, stationed at Fort Keogh near Miles City, recognized the hard times experienced by the Northern Cheyenne. He contacted Bishop Brondel and told him of the Indian people who were roaming the Tongue River Valley without homes or land. Land was purchased by the Bishop in the Tongue River Valley and on March 29, 1884, St. Labre Indian School became a reality for Ashland. Four Ursuline Sisters arrived from Toledo, Ohio, in response to the request of Bishop Brondel for priests and nuns to work among the Northern Cheyenne.

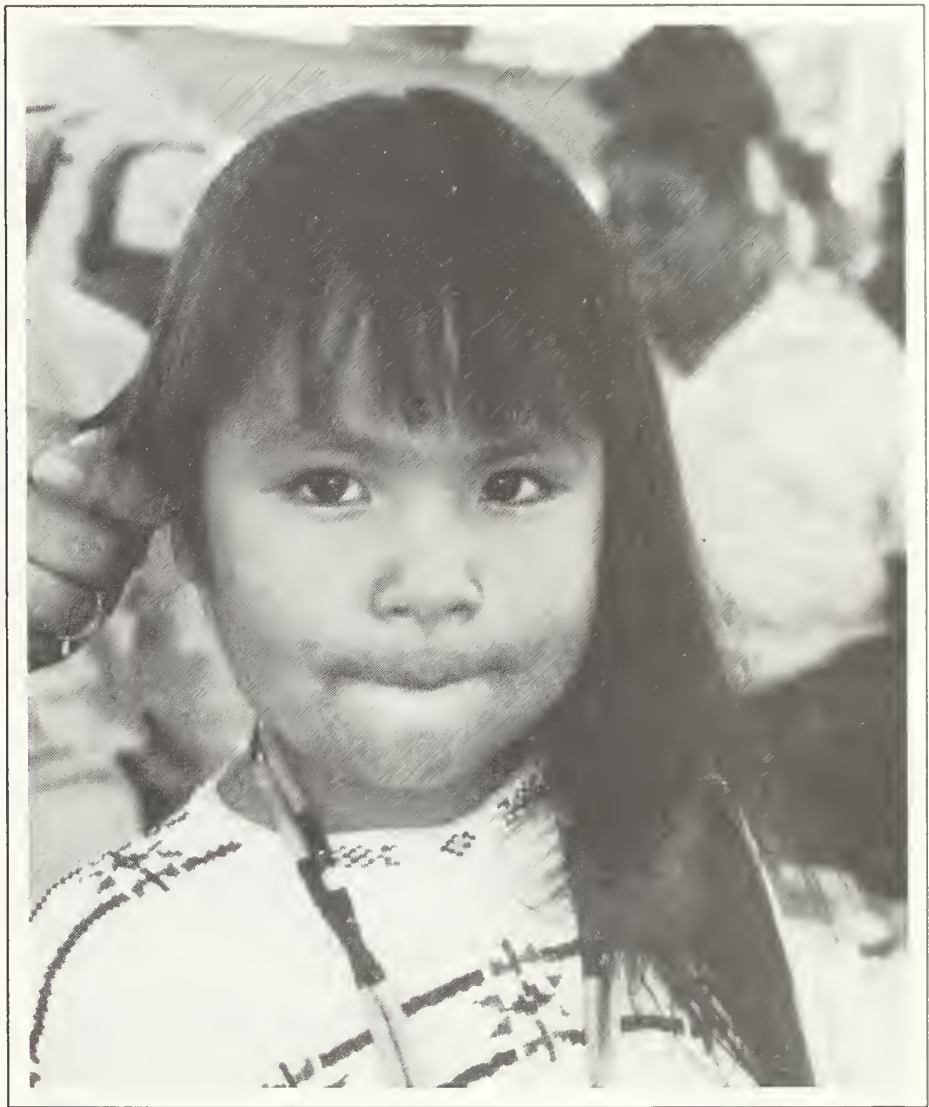
St. Labre Indian School made a humble beginning with the construction of a log cabin school operated by the Sisters. This three-room cabin served as residence, school and dormitory, as well as the church. Today St. Labre provides accredited K-12 education to 750 children at four different locations. Beyond educational programs, St. Labre provides group homes for children from broken homes, college scholarships, business investments to promote employment, alcohol rehabilitation, cultural studies and many community programs.

St. Labre depends completely on private donations for its many programs. Without federal or church funds, many friends all over the United States "keep the miracle alive."

Custer National Forest

From wild places to open spaces, the lands of the Custer National Forest stretch across Custer Country from the Pryor Mountains south of Billings to the Long Pines on the Montana/South Dakota border. These lands offer a variety of recreation opportunities and a wide diversity of settings for recreation.

The Pryor Mountains offer numerous caves, including ice caves, for visitors to explore. The Pryors are also an ideal place to hike, ride mountain bikes, watch birds, view



St. Labre Mission School provides education to 750 Indian students in grades K-12, many of whom live at the school.

St. Labre photo

wildlife, picnic, fish, camp, photograph nature, hunt, cross-country ski and snowmobile.

Wild horses graze in the Pryors in the summer, giving visitors a rare opportunity to observe these animals in their natural habitat, unharnessed and free.

The Ashland District, east of Ashland, has ideal horseback riding country, and hunting for mule deer and wild turkeys is very good. There are also opportunities to hike, camp, fish, and cross-country ski. Birdwatchers can enjoy the 200-plus species of birds that frequent the area.

Chalk Buttes, Long Pines, and Ekalaka Hills near Ekalaka, MT., provide excellent hunting for mule deer,

white-tailed deer, and wild turkeys. The Long Pines is noted for the Capitol Rock National Natural Landmark. This area also is known for having a very high density of nesting raptors.

For more information about recreation activities in the Custer National Forest, write to one of the following addresses:

Beartooth Ranger District, Route 2, Box 3420, Red Lodge, MT 59068

Ashland Ranger District, P.O. Box 168, Ashland, MT 59003

Sioux Ranger District, Box 37, Camp Crook, SD 57724

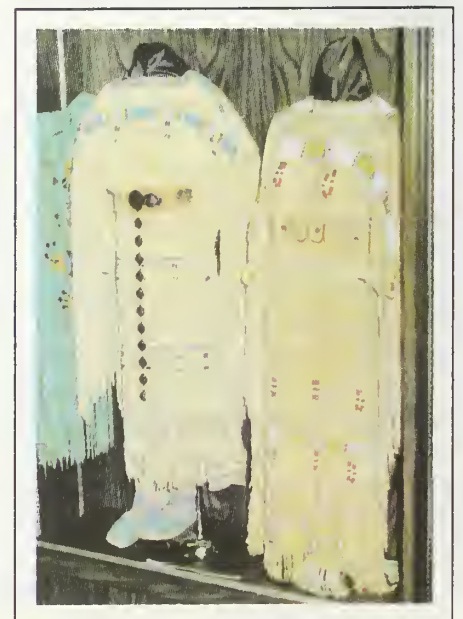
Custer National Forest, Supervisor's Office, Box 2556, Billings, MT 59103.

Cheyenne Culture

The Cheyenne Indian Museum has an impressive collection of Indian artifacts from the Northern Cheyenne and several other tribes from all over the country. Items for sale at the Visitor Center include handmade beaded moccasins, jewelry, pocket-books, key chains, beaded clothing, paintings and even traditional Indian dancing regalia. A new addition is an Indian mannequin mounted on a pinto horse. Both horse and rider are in full authentic dress. Also available are hand-painted eggs and an interesting selection of pottery

Gloria Wester photos

Native Americans used the original "natural fabrics" in rawhide dresses like those shown below. Whitetail and mule deer hides were stripped of hair and tanned, then worked until the leather was softened. The hems were fringed. Then the dresses were beaded in the Cheyenne patterns.



Pottery and "Storyteller Dolls," are available to view or purchase at the Little Coyote Gallery.



Matched pieces of beaded ceremonial regalia such as those shown above, are on display at the museum.



Hours of work and special care went into making each Cheyenne ceremonial piece that is part of the Cheyenne Indian Museum collection at St. Labre Indian Mission School in Ashland. Pictures of people wearing them are included in the display shown above, which features a head-dress and war shield.



Colorful costumes made with feathers, rawhide and millions of beads, are a spectacle of the Crow Fair.

D. Delp photos

Crow Indian Reservation

The Crow Reservation, covering about 2,500,000 acres in Big Horn County, encompasses Lodge Grass, St. Xavier, Crow Agency, Pryor and Ft. Smith.

While the Crow Fair is the biggest and best known event of the reservation, the Crow Indians have a variety of cultural celebrations, which help keep the Crow culture strong and alive. One of the more prominent cultural activities is hand-games, a complex variation of picking which hand holds a concealed object such as an elk's tooth.

The third weekend in August is always Crow Fair time, a time for family reunions, a time for feasting and rejoicing. Visiting tribes save up in order to come back year after year to join in the celebration along the banks of the Little Big Horn River.

The Crow Fair and Rodeo Celebration is headquartered annually at the tribal campgrounds along the Little Big Horn River near Crow Agency, known as the "Teepee Capital of the World." The premier pow wow of North America's native people, the Crow Fair is held the third weekend of August each year. That's August 16 - 20 in 1990. Parades, rodeos, dancing contests, racing events and pari-mutuel betting are featured daily. The Crow Tribe enjoys and welcomes visitors to the celebration.



Lodge Grass

In the southeastern corner of the county is Lodge Grass, the early day summer hunting grounds of the Crow Indians, who knew the area by the "rich grass" or "greasy grass" which grew there. The Crow pronunciation for the words "lodge" and "grease" were so similar that there was a misinterpretation; hence, Lodge Grass.

As you enter Custer Country from the south on I-90, Lodge Grass is the first full-service town in Montana. You'll find a variety of businesses that offer travel comforts, as well as a shady park with room to stretch and relax.

Tongue River Reservoir

The Tongue River Reservoir State Recreation Area is located six miles north of Decker on Secondary 314, then one mile east on the county road. (The fishing access is five miles further.)

Custer Battlefield

Custer Battlefield was created in 1879, initially to honor only Lt. Col. George A. Custer and U.S. soldiers



Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer.
Custer Battlefield National Monument Archives photo

killed in battle June 25, 1876. Over the years the Native Americans who fought Custer also have been memorialized in what was one of their last armed efforts to retain their lands

against the continued encroachment by European cultures.

Battlefield Tours, Visitor Center

The Museum/Visitor Center is open until 7:45 p.m. every day in the summer and the National Cemetery is open until sunset. There is a gate fee of \$3.00 per vehicle to visit the Battlefield and Museum, \$1.00 per person in bus groups. However, those wishing only to visit the National Cemetery are given a free pass.

Admission to Custer Battlefield is free on Memorial Day, June 25 (the anniversary of the battle), and August 25 (National Parks Day).

The Visitor Center contains exhibits on the battle, Indian culture, and frontier soldiers. The Visitor Center schedule is as follows in 1990: April 29 to Memorial Day 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Memorial Day to Labor Day 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Sept. 4 to Memorial Day 1991, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A complete time schedule of interpretive activities is available from the Battlefield office or from information centers throughout Custer Country.

Memorial Day to Labor Day

Repeated at varying times during the day are these activities:

Battle of Little Bighorn

Myths of Little Bighorn

Unveiling the Battle through Archaeology

Personal Profiles: Indians and Soldiers

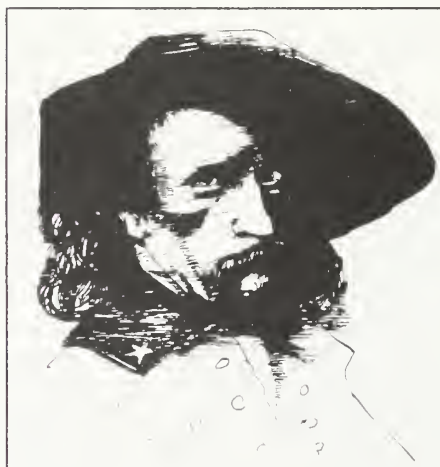
Plains Indian

U.S. Cavalry

Guided Battlefield Tours: Bus and Van

Since inclement weather and other factors may alter scheduling, no times are listed here. Visitors may check at the Visitor Center for times and places or call (406) 638-2621.

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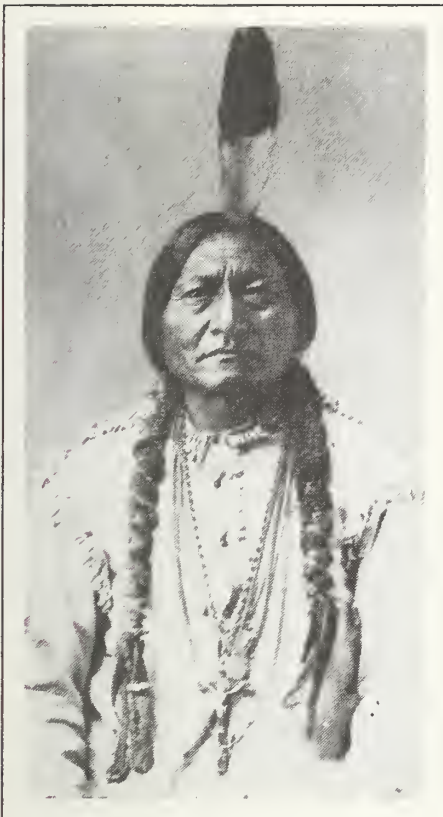
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Fifteen miles from Hardin, visitors find Custer Battlefield National Monument and Cemetery, where two great cultures once clashed. The Hardin area features great fishing on the Big Horn River and on the 70-mile long lake behind Yellowtail Dam at Ft. Smith.

Hardin is a designated Superhost town, dedicated to making visitors feel welcome and to answering their questions about local attractions and events. "Western Hospitality"—Hardin has it!

It's teepee raising time! You'll see teepees going up, craft booths setting up, people everywhere getting ready for four days of authentic old-time fun during Little Big Horn Days.

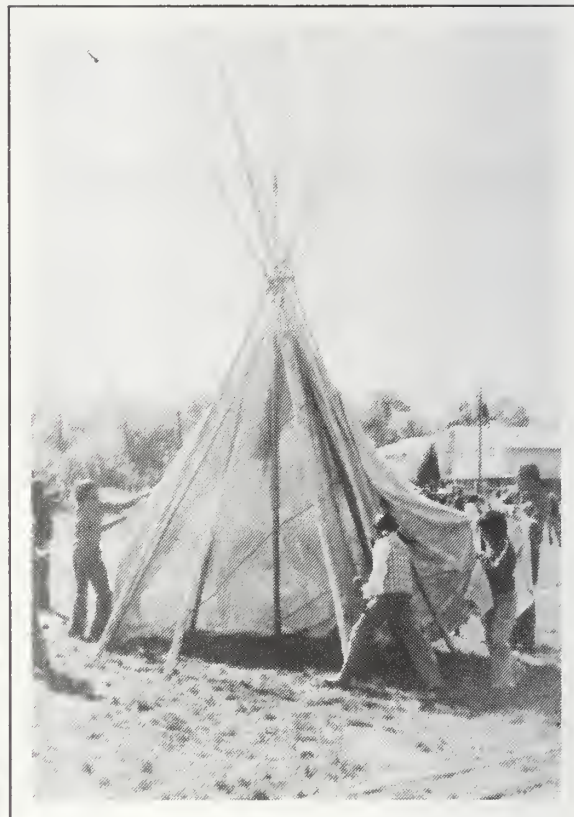


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1990 in Hardin
June

Little Big Horn Days..... 21-24

Little Big Horn Days Ranch Rodeo...23

July

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Country Fun Weekend, Picnic,

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September

Under Cover Gal's Quilt Show 1-7

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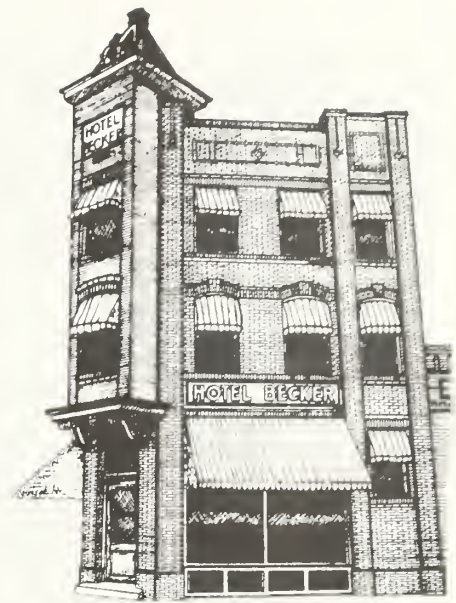
Little Big Horn Days

The 114th Anniversary of the Battle of the Little Big Horn will be observed with a "Little Big Horn Days" festival in Hardin, June 21-24. The main feature will be the reenactment of "Custer's Last Stand." See page 62 for details on the reenactment. Other features include tours to the Battlefield, western crafts and arts for sale and exhibits. Also there will be wagon rides, Indian dancing, ranch rodeo, parades, games and activities for all ages! The carnival will be in town all four days, and there's a street dance on Saturday night.

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Jail House Gallery

The Jail House Gallery located on Main Street in Hardin, features monthly rotated exhibits of both regional and statewide shows, as well as a gift shop. The gallery is open year-round, Tuesday through Saturday, from 12-5 p.m.



The Becker Hotel on Hardin's Center Avenue was one of ten first permanent business buildings in Hardin. Not presently in use as a hotel, the Becker is in the heart of Hardin's historic district. It houses the Hardin Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Preservation Office and a variety of businesses and "cottage industries."

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Mike McCleary photo courtesy Big Horn County Historical Museum

Take time to tour the various buildings at the Big Horn County Historical Museum. Participate in non-denominational services held in the 1917 Evangelical and Reformed Church on Sundays at 9 a.m. from June 1 - August 31. You can even ring the bell in the church!

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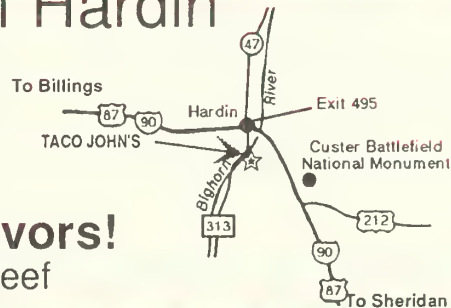
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Rosebud Battlefield Monument
Near Decker, just east of the Crow

Reservation, is the Rosebud Battlefield State Monument, site of the 1876 Sioux vs. General Crook Battle, just north on Secondary Highway 314. The Indian victory here was a prelude to, and directly led to, the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

The Tongue River Reservoir State Recreation Area is located six miles north of Decker on Secondary 314, then one mile east on the county road. (The fishing access is five miles further.)

Fort C.F. Smith Site

Fort C.F. Smith was established on August 12, 1866, to protect immigrants traveling on the Bozeman Trail from attacks by the Sioux Indians. The Bozeman Trail crossed the Big Horn River 400 yards from the fort.

Located near the present town of Fort Smith, all that remains of the site are low mounds and interesting stories. The site is on private land and can be visited if accompanied by a park ranger when available. Prior arrangements must be made at the Fort Smith Visitor Center.

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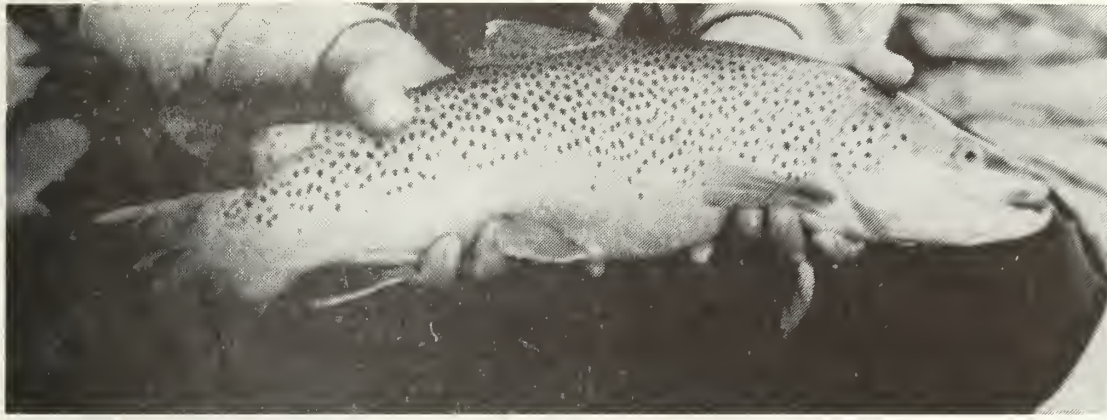
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The First Rendezvous

In 1743, the Verendryes brothers, French explorers, were the first white men to visit the Big Horn River country. They met a tribe of Indians they named the "Beaus Hommes" (Handsome Men). These were the Crow Indians. The place of this first meeting (rendezvous) was on the Big Horn River, near what is now Hardin, Montana.

Far West Was Here

Within a stone's throw of the Rendezvous site, just east of Hardin, where the Little Horn River joins the

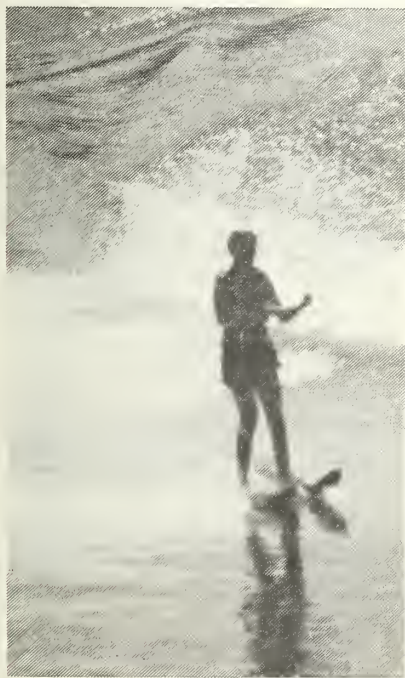
Big Horn, is the island site where the Far West sternwheeler packet anchored on June 27, 1876, to evacuate the wounded from the Reno and Benteen battles. It was the Far West which brought the full story to the world of Custer's defeat.

Big Horn River

The Big Horn River, flowing for nearly 50 miles between Fort Smith and Hardin, is the newest crown jewel in the treasure of Montana trout waters. Since the completion of the Yellowtail Dam in 1965, the Big

Horn has become a blue-ribbon fishing stream that attracts the experienced angler looking for that extra challenge, but is also a river for the family fisherman. Water conditions below the Afterbay Dam are ideal for trout. Brown trout are the most abundant with rainbow trout also present.

Information on limits, regulations, and fishing conditions are available at the various guide services and boat rentals in Hardin, St. Xavier, as well as at the Fort Smith Visitor Center.



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Fort Smith

The Big Horn River trout await the angler reaching Fort Smith, Montana, by way of Highway 313. Fort Smith provides most services

needed by visitors and fishermen. A visitor center operated by the National Park Service is located at Fort Smith, and provides information on all recreational activities as well as films, books, and programs on the history of the recreation area.

Campfire Programs

Evening campfire programs are offered at Afterbay Campground at Fort Smith every Friday and Saturday evening from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Fishing and recreation, history and wildlife of Big Horn Canyon are the topics at these gatherings.

Meet at the Amphitheater at the west end of the Afterbay Campground for a 45-minute slide illustrated talk or demonstration about wildlife, Crow Indian culture, geology, recreation, boating safety, fishing, the National Park Service, and other park related subjects.

Pryor

In the southwestern part of the county is Pryor, the site of Chief Plenty Coups State Monument and Museum, which deals exclusively

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Custer is a friendly town with lots of surprises for the traveler. Along the nearby Yellowstone River there is fishing, camping, boating and water-skiing. For the explorer, there is rustic Boothill Cemetery, dedicated to the driver of an ill-fated stage coach, and the site of old Junction—"She was a daisy while she lasted." Nearby, too, at the junction of the Big Horn and Yellowstone Rivers, is the site of Fort Manuel Lisa, the first building in Montana erected by white men.

Services available in Custer include gasoline, groceries, eats, repairs, and the local pub.

Relax in the City Park

Take a break and stretch your legs in the city park, which boasts new tennis courts, a volleyball court and plenty of room for picnics. The old

Great Northern Depot is also located in the park. Though the depot is in the process of being restored, shiny new bathroom facilities are already available for public use.

Ling—"Poor Man's Lobster"

Ling, the eel-like fish with the strange appearance and the delicious flavor of lobster, are caught in the Big Horn and Yellowstone Rivers from the end of November to the end of February. Minnows and worms are the bait to use. Custer, just minutes away from the confluence of these two rivers, has many resident experts who can provide the fisherman with directions and tips.

Float for Fish and Agates

If you want some solitude and variety in your fishing, head downstream from Billings on the Yellowstone River. The lower Yellowstone doesn't attract much attention when compared to the trout waters of western Montana, but it has an amazing fishery all its own—channel catfish, sauger, ling, wall-eye, shovelnose sturgeon and paddlefish.

During the warm months of summer, floaters in rafts and canoes can

camp and fish all the way to the North Dakota border.

This is also a prime agate hunting area. Floating the river allows recreationists to search the many sand and gravel bars along the shore as well as those exposed in midstream.

Don't miss the event-of-the-year! September 2 and 3 is the Labor Day Roping and dance.



A nice string of catfish taken from the Big Horn River near Custer.

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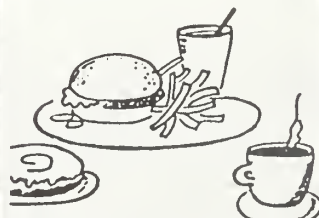
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Hysham: Treasure of a Town

Hysham, the county seat of Treasure County, is bounded just to the north by the Yellowstone River and to the south by beautiful rolling hills.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, soon after Montana territory earned its statehood in 1889, Hysham was a part of the great expanse of Custer County. It was on what was then Crow Indian Reservation. Cattle branded with the Flying E grazed near the Northern Pacific tracks where trainmen threw off supplies "for Hysham." Charlie J. Hysham was associated with the Flying E Ranch which ran thousands of cattle in an area between the Big Horn River on the west to Reservation Creek on the east, and from the Yellowstone River to the Wyoming line.

Treasure County has some outstanding historical sites. Manuel Lisa built the first building, a fur trading post in Montana near the mouth of the Big Horn River in 1807. Fort Cass was the first fort built by the American Fur Co. on the Yellowstone, just three miles below the mouth of the Big Horn. Fort Pease was a stockade constructed in 1875, near the mouth of the Big Horn, as a defense against a party of Sioux Indians and also as a trading post. Remnants of Fort Pease still stand on the original site. Other locations of forts remain a mystery.

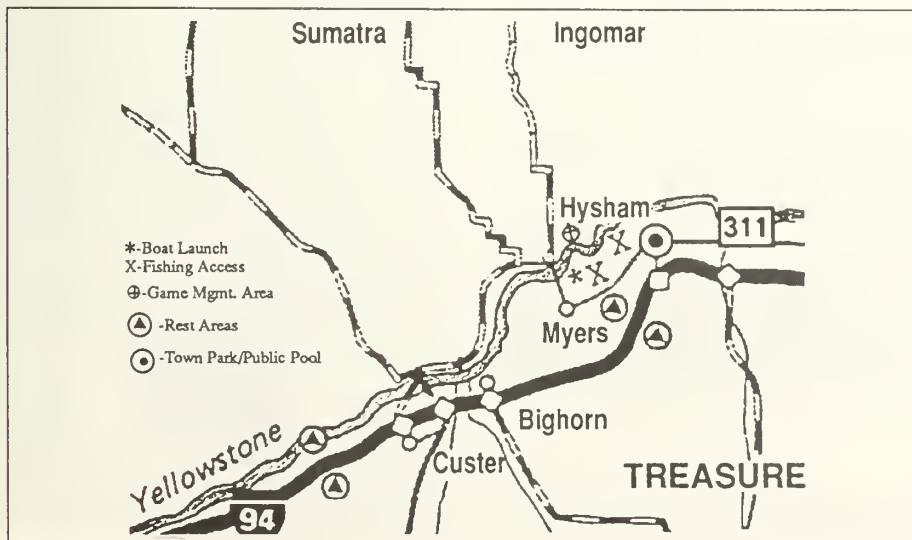
Located about half-way between Miles City and Billings on Interstate

94, Hysham has just about everything a visitor could need. Dropping down from the hills, newcomers will see this agricultural community spread before them in a panorama of green fields, pasture land and strips of grain. The community has four churches, a free swimming pool for youngsters and adults, a city park with covered picnic facilities and free overnight camping, and tennis courts available at the school. For small airplanes, there is a lighted airport landing strip about two miles east of Hysham along a secondary highway. A Country Museum will open in the summer of 1990 on Hysham's main street. "Tales of Treasure County," a history of the people and events of the area is for sale there.

Deer and antelope, pheasants, geese, turkeys, grouse, sage hens, and ducks make good hunting for local and out-of-state hunters.

The Myers Arena, about six miles from Hysham, is operated by members of the Treasure Riders, who sponsor roping and riding events during summer months.

Along the Yellowstone, which meanders through the area, there are numerous access sites for traveller enjoyment. As shown on the map, there is a boat dock at the state fishing access site at Myers Bridge. So take a break in Hysham and explore the fossil dig, enjoy agate hunting or fishing, camping or boating. You name it!



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Golden Valley County: The River is 'Gold' Lined

Golden Valley County was named one autumn day after frost had colored the trees along the Musselshell River a brilliant yellow. The river

flows across the width of the county, and for present day tourist travel, Interstate Highway 12 follows the same scenic route. In contrast, the Big Snowy Mountains lie east and west on the northern border. Long ago, the last of the road signs which marked the famous Buffalo Trail Highway were taken as souvenirs. Today, an historic monument commemorates the site where Chief Joseph and his band of Nez Perce Indians crossed the Musselshell River in their flight north toward Canada.

Ryegate

Ryegate, the county seat, is on the western edge of the Custer Country tourism region. Nestled under the high rimrocks of the Musselshell River, the town is set in true central Montana cattle and sheep ranch land. The State Recreation Area of Dead Man's Basin, a few miles west, is well known for camping, fishing, boating and swimming.

In Ryegate a visitor will find a grocery store, restaurant, two bars, a post office, and gas station.

Lavina

About 45 miles northwest of Billings, on Highway 3, the most

direct route to Canada from the south, is Lavina, the center of a farming and ranching community where everyone is considered a friend and neighbor.

Lavina was an early trading post and stage stop, started in the late 1800's by Walter Burke, who operated the stage line. When the railroad came through in the early 1900's, many of the buildings in town were built, the Adams Hotel being one of the first.

Lavina is situated on the Musselshell River, noted for its catfish and trout. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased at the Lavina Bar for anyone who would like to stop and fish in some of the lakes and streams or hunt the various wildlife that is in the area.

Lavina has a country store, a cafe, city park, a service station, two bars, a beauty shop, gift shop, post office, churches, a senior citizen center, and a meat cutting business. A blacksmith and a potter make a variety of items.

Motorists are invited to stop, spend some time and get acquainted in Lavina, one of the most welcome stops on the north-south route through central Montana.

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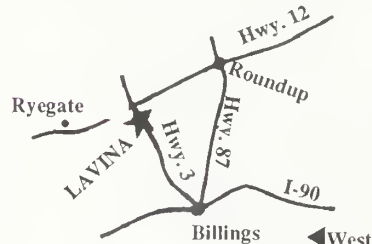
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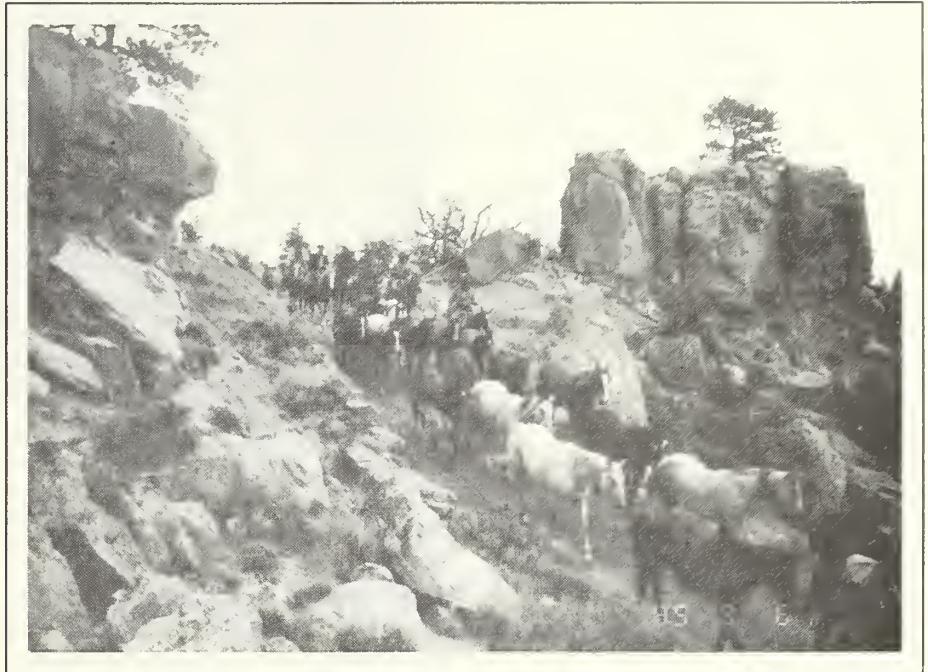
Roundup: Home of the Cattle Drive

Roundup—a town with a unique name—is nestled in the valley near the Musselshell River. It has long been renowned for its natural geographic design for rounding up livestock. It is still a place where old-fashioned values and ideals are present.

Recently, the city has undergone a rejuvenation. As you drive through Roundup, you will notice fresh paint and recent facelifts on almost every property. The linden and flowering crab trees that you see flourishing along Main Street are a project of the Beauty Undertaken for Decades (BUD) organization. Planters full of flowers, and benches recently added to the business district are other inviting touches. Several new shops have joined the existing businesses during the past year, offering everything from clothing to antiques to photo finishing. Wool weaving and spinning businesses are two “cottage industries” in Roundup.

The city has a park, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, golf course, hospital, municipal airport and a museum.

The CowBelle Campground, located at the fairgrounds on the southeastern edge of Roundup, offers free overnight camping and RV parking. Right on the banks of the



The spare mounts of the cattle wranglers on the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive in '89 file through a pass in the Bull Mountains near Roundup as they head for Billings.
Ray Haugland photo

Musselshell River, it provides barbecue pits and good shade.

The Bull Mountains, south of Roundup, offer beautiful roadside geology and pine trees. Companies adhering to careful reclamation processes, mine coal in these mountains. North of town are oil wells, evidence of another rich mineral in the area. Also near Roundup are the C.M.

Russell National Wildlife Refuge and the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

The Musselshell River, noted for its fine trout and catfish, also offers plentiful spots for relaxing picnics along its lazy banks. The oblong mussels, for which the river is named, can be collected as “jewels of the Musselshell.”

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and pheasants when you drive through the area. Deer are especially noticeable at dusk and dawn on the side roads.

Activities

Summer months in the Roundup area are full of activities such as rodeos (rodeo is the Spanish word for roundup), bazaars, demolition derbies and fairs. One of the highlight activities this year will be the reunion of drovers, wranglers, and wagon masters, who participated in the Great Centennial Cattle Drive in 1989.

In addition, a 1990 cattle drive has been organized by Montana Cattle Drives. It will wind down from the Snowy Mountain country and cross broad, grassy rangelands, heading to the Musselshell River and Roundup. The drive culminates in a parade and rodeo.

The National Old Timers Rodeo Association, organized 1979, is headquartered in Roundup, and Montana was one of the original seven states in the organization. Fifty sanctioned rodeos are held each year, with contestants participating in these events

This hanging tree scene on Roundup's Main Street is a reminder of early-day justice in Montana Territory.

*Donna Fanyak
artwork*



to qualify for the National Finals held each fall.

Spring, summer and fall outdoor activities include fishing, hunting, backpacking, camping, golf, tennis, sightseeing and photography. Cross country skiing and snowmobiling add to the wintertime fun.

Musselshell Valley Historical Museum

Roundup is also famous for its Museum, open May through September. On entering, sign in on the old registry of the early day Adams Hotel of Lavina. The Museum houses a coal tunnel, com-

plete with wooden car, carbide lamps, lunch pails, maps and photos. Other exhibits include fossils, local Indian artifacts, paintings by local artists, special rooms for such things as the old Rothiemy Store and post office, a one room rural school, a dressmaker shop, and original operating rooms of the old Vicars Hospital. The grounds have a blacksmith shop, print shop and the old NF ranch home, built in 1884. Guided tours through the museum are actually living history lessons. No admission is charged.

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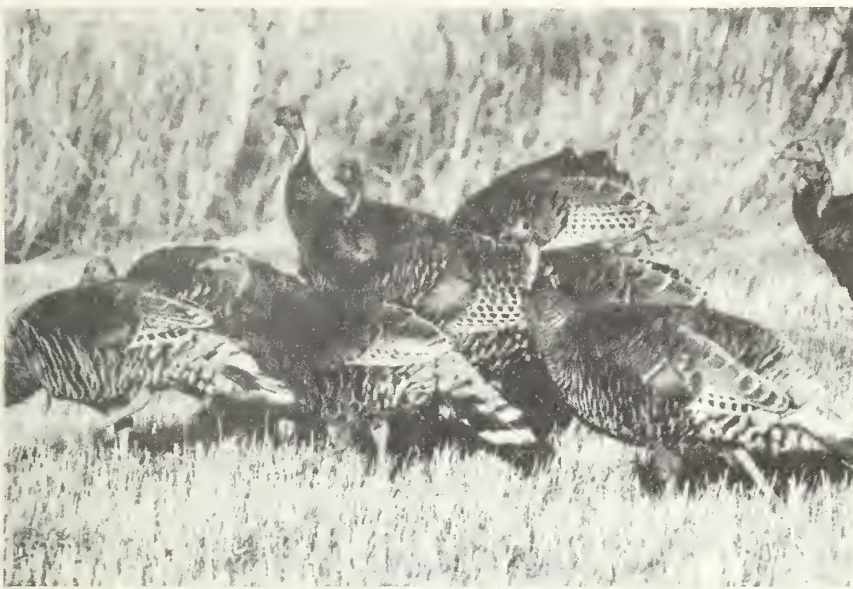
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Towns East of Roundup

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Jersey Lily Cafe and the best bean soup ever made. These three towns are along Highway 12, the gateway to the Musselshell Valley between Forsyth and Roundup.

Roundup 1990 Calendar of Events

April

Musselshell Valley Historical Museum Opens 29

June

"Bump & Run" Motorcross Rally 3
Horse Clinic 9
Concert and Fireworks.....3
Parade and Rodeo 4
Tri-County Horse Show 14-15
Tri-County & 4-H Fair.....19-21
Bull Mountain Roundup Cutting (Nat. Horse Cutting Assn.).....29-31

August

Roundup Cattle Drive 25-Sept.1

September

"Harvest Roundup" featuring Melodramas and Main Street Exhibits.....1-3
Musselshell Valley Historical Museum closes 30

October

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Rodeo, a truly western sport, began as a result of activities performed by the working cowboy on his day-to-day job. It wasn't long before cowboys began gathering regularly to test their skills and prove who was the toughest cowboy and best rider. Early contests usually took place after the annual roundup.

Today, action-packed rodeos, with names such as the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Baker Bronco Days, still put cowboy skills to the test.

There are ranch rodeos, old timer rodeos, team roping events and youth rodeos. There are rodeos at MetraPark in Billings, and rodeos following cattle drives throughout the region.

Indian powwows often feature rodeos along with their colorful dancing and traditional games.

Practically every weekend during the summer, a rodeo can be found somewhere in southeastern Montana. Check our calendar of events, pages 46-47 of this tour guide, as well as listings for each town. And ask locally as you travel. Sometimes there is an unscheduled ranch roping or rodeo that's as much fun as the big circuit rodeo.

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Billings: City Style with a Country Smile



Don't miss the brand new Visitor Center just off exit 450. In front is a beautiful heroic size (1-1/2 times life size) monument, by artist Lyle Johnson, commemorating the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989. The actual monument is 28 feet long by 12 feet high. This bronze consists of a cowboy on a horse, herding two longhorn steers. Bring your camera for your photo beside the monument!

Gloria Wester Photo

"Are you going to Yellowstone National Park or Custer Battlefield?" BILLINGS IS ON YOUR WAY. Billings has lots of events planned for the entire year. Be sure to check the Calendar of Events in this book. When you get to Billings, stop at the new Visitor Center just off I-90 Exit 450.

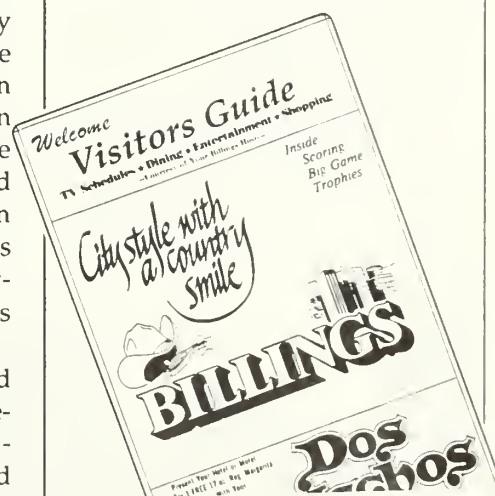
The City of Billings sprang up like magic just over 100 years ago. It began in the spring of 1882 with a few buildings around a rail head for the Northern Pacific Railroad. By fall, a mere five months later, a large western city had appeared with hundreds of buildings and businesses and thousands of people.

Billings is named after Frederick Billings, entrepreneur and President of the Northern Pacific Railroad at the time the east-west transportation link was built. A statue of this great lawyer-railroad builder-philanthropist stands on the corner of 1st Avenue North and North 27th Street downtown. The growth and vitality of the "Magic City," as the town was

called, was immediate and rapid. That same magic continues today making Billings, Montana, one of the most active, cosmopolitan cities in the region. It is the largest city in Montana. As the hub of a five-state region, Billings offers ample rapid transportation of all kinds. Logan International Airport, atop the Rims (the sandstone rock formation surrounding Billings) is the region's busiest airport.

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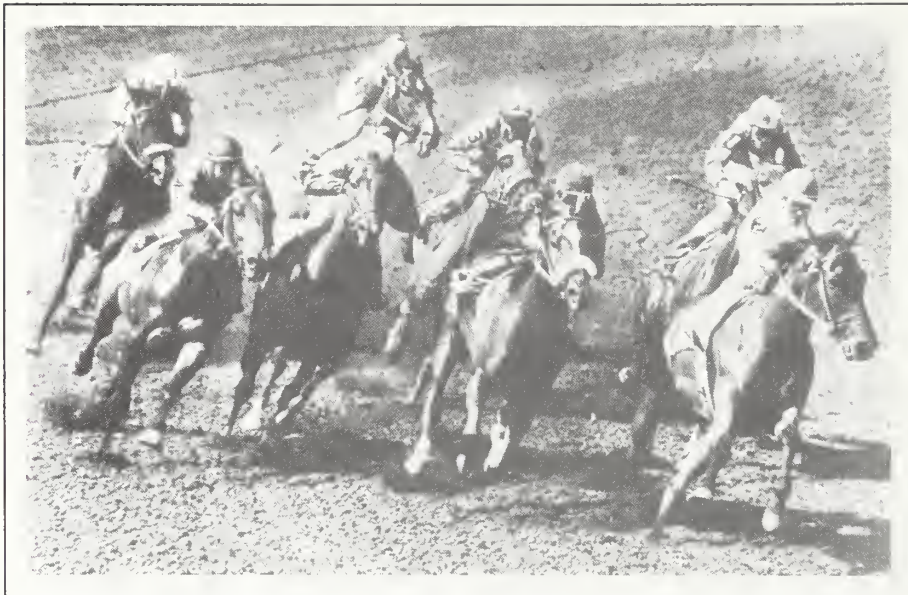
Whether your interests lead you to dining, spectator sports, music, the arts or live theater, there is something in Billings to catch your fancy. For the connoisseur, choose from more than 150 restaurants featuring Montana beef, fantastic fresh seafood, and a blend of international cuisine. You will also find award winning chefs and four-star restaurants.



PICK UP— a copy of the Visitor's Guide to Billings at the Chamber Visitors Center, Airport, Hotels and Motels.

FIND OUT —what's going on, where to eat & what to see in the Billings area.

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Pari-mutuel horse racing begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 10, 1990, and runs daily through August 19. Racing continues Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 7. Races are simulcast statewide May through Oct.

Montana Fair photo

Live theater is available and delights audiences with everything from Shakespeare to Neil Simon. Billings has several fine theater facilities and dinner theaters in the area. For the art and history buff, the city offers the Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum, the Western Heritage Center and the Yellowstone Art Center, the largest accredited art center in a four-state region. Spectator sports abound in Billings including the Cincinnati Reds baseball farm club, pari-mutuel horse racing and exciting college

sports. And then there is rodeo! . . . the most popular sport in this part of the country.

Numerous local, regional and national rodeos are produced in and around Billings each year. Local cowboys compete with world champion riders and ropers in three of the nation's richest rodeos.

MetraPark has a 30,000 square foot arena and seating for up to 12,000. It also offers 20,000 square feet of exhibition hall with ten break-out rooms and a 7,000 seat outdoor grandstand and a race track. You'll

find major concerts, horse racing and rodeo events here.

Carriage Trolley Rides

This is the third year for Billings' authentic, traditional trolley ride. This trolley was hand-built nearby choosing some of the best features of all the old-time trolleys. The original seats from the Senate Theatre in Red Lodge are accessible from the traditional front entrance and back exit. It also features a coin counter.

A special feature of the trolley is the guest speakers program that will be available June 1 through Sept. 15, Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 7:00 p.m., with tours on the hour. The trolley leaves from the Radisson Northern Hotel and features costumed storytellers who present three different programs: Cattle Drive Tales, Custer and Calamity Jane folk tales, and Indian "Why" Stories. Trolley fare is \$2 for adults, \$1 for kids, and just 25¢ (two bits) age 6 and under.

Hayrides and Cowboy Suppers

For a memorable taste of the West, spend some time at The Family Farm near Billings. Activities include hayrides, field trips, birthday parties, day camps, tours and cowboy suppers.

You can drop in any Thursday, June through August, without reservations for tours that leave on the hour from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per person.

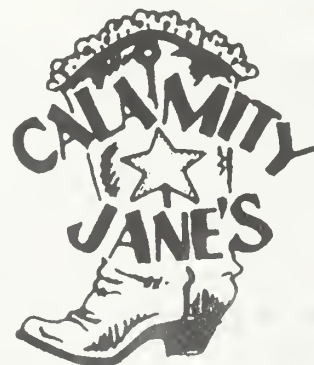


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Darlene Greenwood Photo



Special parties include pony rides, feeding the farm animals and milking the cow. The Family Farm, located at Shiloh Overpass, west of Billings, will make reservations for your party. Write The Family Farm, 2343 Shiloh Road, Billings, Montana 59106, or call (406) 656-3971.

Big Sky State Games

Amateur athletes from 155 Montana cities and towns participate in the Big Sky State Games, the largest multi-sport event in the history of Montana. This year 8,500 are expected to enter the Games, scheduled for July 20, 21, and 22. The list of events includes: Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Bowling,

Boxing, Cycling, Golf, Racquetball, Road Race Series, Shooting (Rifle - Pistol, Trap Shooting and Skeet), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball and Wrestling. Spectators are welcome.

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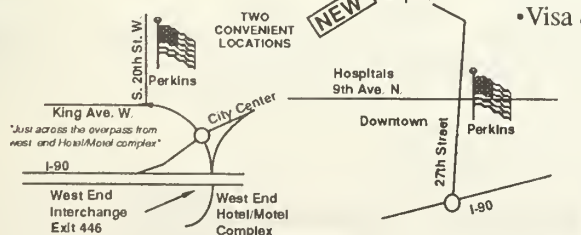


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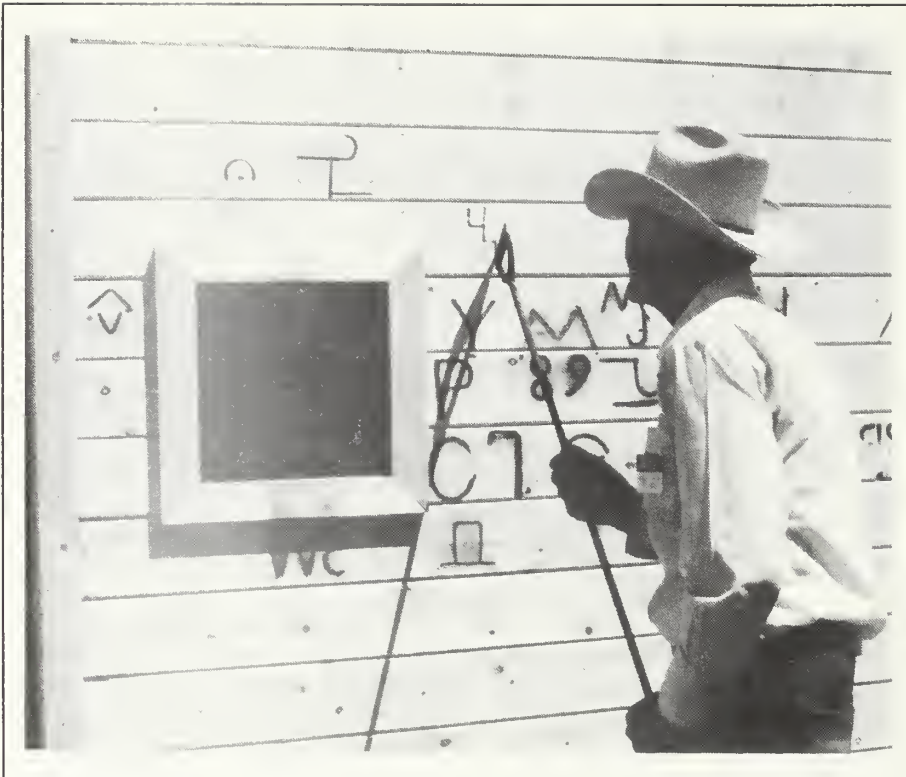
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Located downtown at 2nd Ave. N. and N. 29th St., this wall was erected to record the many brands of the cattlemen and celebrities who came to Billings to take part in the Great Montana Centennial Cattle Drive. Framed in glass is a plaque dedicated to Peter Yegen, Jr., a longtime Billings servant.

Darlene Greenwood photo

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The Northern International Livestock Show and Rodeo will be October 15-20, 1990, in Billings. Horse shows, livestock shows, trade shows and sales make it the largest stock show in the Northwest. Exhibitors from 38 states and four Canadian provinces take part each fall. Six great days and nights of excitement, entertainment and enlightenment for exhibitors, spectators and buyers! (406)259-5595.

Western Heritage Center

The Western Heritage Center is a regional museum of history and culture located in downtown Billings, 2822 Montana Avenue. It opened in 1971 in the building which originally housed the Parmly Billings Library; in 1972, it was entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

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The Outdoors

The Billings area features many well-groomed city parks and swimming pools. Lake Elmo offers great water skiing and wind surfing, as well as swimming and picnicking. Nearby you'll find fishing access sites and camping available along blue ribbon trout streams. There's plenty of country for backpacking and a variety of subjects for photographers.

In the winter time you will find

ski areas within a day's drive, and lots of opportunities for cross country skiing.

Nearby!

There's also a variety of attractions, all within a few hours of Billings. You can visit Custer Battlefield, see Pompey's Pillar of the famed Lewis and Clark expedition, the Pictograph Indian Caves, famous for the fascinating display of Indian drawings, The Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman (featuring dinosaurs), or the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. And you can drive the scenic Beartooth Highway which CBS newsman Charles Kuralt calls "the most beautiful roadway in America." Best of all, there's the spectacular beauty of Yellowstone National Park, with three entrances in Montana.

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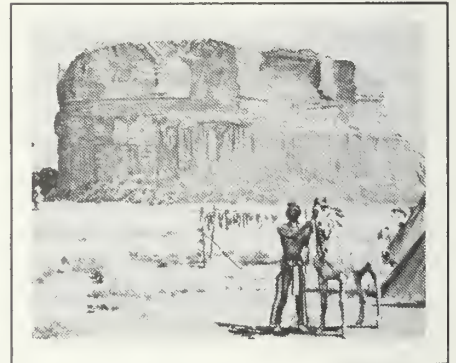
Pompey's Pillar is one of the most famous sandstone buttes in the United States. It bears the only remaining physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. On the face of the 150 foot butte, Captain William Clark carved his name in 1806 on the return route of the expedition. He named the pillar in honor of Baptiste, the small son of Sacajawea, the famous Indian woman who served as guide on the historic journey. The boy had been nicknamed "Pomp," a Shoshone Indian name for "chief," thus, Pompey's Pillar.

The pillar also has had the distinction of being the only privately owned national monument in the United States. It is now for sale and the public sector has an exclusive opportunity to buy it until 1991.

At the time of this writing, methods of funding are surfacing. It is apparent that a partnership of government agencies and private indi-

viduals is the formula to save the pillar. The Committee for the Preservation of Pompey's Pillar is accepting donations to match with the government funding. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to Pompey's Pillar Fund, Box 31177CC, Billings, Montana 59107.

The pillar is closed to public access this year. The committee is dedicated to getting it open again and securing it for all people to enjoy forever.



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Sites and Attractions

Range Rider of the Yellowstone: Bronze equestrian statue—near airport, Billings. Free.

Boothill Cemetery: 1870's graveyard from town of Coulson—near U.S. 10, Billings. Free.

Kelly Mountain and Yellowstone Kelly Gravesite: Grave of famous frontier scout—on Black Otter Trail, Billings. Free.

Black Otter Trail: Scenic drive along rimrocks—begins at U.S. 10, east of Billings. Free.

Rimrocks: Sandstone rock formation surrounding Billings valley on north and east—Billings. Free.

Pompey's Pillar: Only evidence of Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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Pictograph Caves: Prehistoric dwelling site and rock art—off I-90, 7 miles southeast of Billings.

Billings Historic District: Preserved business district of early-day Montana Ave., N. 22nd to N. 26th.

Sturgis Battlefield: Nez Perce War 1877; historic marker—15 miles west of Billings, then 7 mi., north of Laurel. Free.

Huntley Project Museum: History of Huntley Project agricultural experiment station's irrigation—near Huntley. Free.

Peter Yegen, Jr. Yellowstone County Museum: Relics of pioneer and Indian life, animal and rock specimens native to the region; 10:30-5:00 Mon.-Fri., 2-5 Sun., closed Sat.—atop the rims near Logan International Airport, Billings. Free.

Oscar's Dreamland: Yesteryear museum. See the world's largest private collection of self-propelled farm machinery, plus a restored western town. May-Oct., open 9-6. West on Frontage Rd., then 1 mile south of Market Basket store, or call 656-0966.

Ice Caves: A limestone cavern on Cave Canyon in the Pryor Mountains that remains filled with ice in the hottest summer will be open to the public in 1990. Inquire at the Billings Visitor Center for directions. Free.

Yellowstone Art Center: Changing exhibits of regional, national and international art, both contemporary and historical; Tues.-Sat. 11-5; Thurs. eve. 7-9; Sun. 12-5—401 N. 27th, Billings. Free.

Western Heritage Center: Changing exhibits on Yellowstone Valley histo-

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Calendar

For a complete Billings calendar of events, write or call the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107. (406)245-4111. Many Billings calendar listings are in the full calendar on pages 48-49.

For a host of ideas of what to see and do in Billings, see the Billings Chamber of Commerce ad on page 7. Other Billings accommodations and attractions are also featured on pages 5, 6, and 91 of this Tour Guide.



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Excellent motel and hotel accommodations are available in Laurel as well as a variety of restaurants and drive-ins. If you like to camp or have an RV, Riverside Park has facilities for 100 campers, and because it is situated on the bank of the famous Yellowstone River, offers a challenge for fishing and floating enthusiasts.

Within minutes of Laurel are some of Montana's best trout streams and lakes. Hunting near Laurel is also excellent. Waterfowl, upland game and big game are plentiful, including

pheasants, ducks, mallards, geese, whitetail and mule deer.

Forty-five minutes to the south is one of the best spots in the west to

ski — Red Lodge. Cooney Dam, 35 miles southwest, provides recreation opportunities such as boating, fishing and water skiing.



The Chief Joseph Sturgis Battlefield Monument on the outskirts of Laurel rests where the famous Indian chief passed, leading the Nez Perce tribe toward Canada. On July 4, 1989, a life-size metal statue of Chief Joseph was unveiled in Laurel's Firemen's Park. The statue was a Centennial project of the Laurel Women in Business and sculpted by local artist Gary Temple. The dedication of the statue was held on August 5, 1989 to coincide with the annual Appaloosa Horse Club's Chief Joseph Trail Ride. A limited edition of thirty 11" bronze replicas of the statue have been cast and are for sale by the LWIB. (See related ad.)



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Fourth of July Events

The 4th of July is a fun-filled celebration in Laurel. Activities begin the night before on July 3 with the Jaycees Street Dance. The morning of the 4th finds the Jaycees still going strong—cooking pancakes and sausage for breakfast.

A Kiddie Parade is next on the list of activities, and the Laurel 4th of July Parade follows shortly after. Bands, Shrine units, floats, lots of horses and antique cars combine for the annual event.

After the parade, Thomson Park, 1/2 mile north of downtown, is the place for lots of food and fun. Picnics and an American Legion International Baseball Tournament make the 4th a real family fun time.

To top off the celebration, the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department presents a dazzling fireworks display on the ground and in the air. Some folks will tell you that this display is the best in the state of Montana. And it's free!

Swimming, Sports, Services

If a cool dip in the pool is what you need, the municipal swimming pool is located right in the center of the action at Thomson Park, along with tennis courts, playground equipment and softball and volleyball fields. Riverside Park and Kiwanis Park also have several horseshoe pits.

Terry's Quik Stop has a free RV dump station.



"Home of the Herbstfest"

Laurel is well known throughout Montana and surrounding states as the "Home of the Herbstfest." The lively German Oktoberfest began in

1810 and is celebrated yearly in Munich. Many Laurel citizens are of German descent, making the Laurel Herbstfest the most authentic German festival in Custer Country. This community event offers a unique type of entertainment which has pleased thousands of people each year.

Make plans to attend this festival the fourth weekend in September. It's family entertainment at its best. Enjoy festive music and dancing. Sample German, American, and other specialty foods.

Christmas Lighting Ceremony

Laurel has an outstanding winter event, "A Christmas to Remember." The entire business community places lights on their store fronts and on the trees lining Main Street. Firemen's Park in downtown Laurel is the scene of "Santa's Workshop," where several motorized elves work busily on the toys that Santa will distribute Christmas Eve. The Laurel Volunteer Fire Department erects the display annually. Arcing above the street, next to Santa's workshop is Santa himself, led by his eight reindeer. Brilliantly lighted, the display is the largest Santa ornament in the state. Atop the hill to the north is Montana's Centennial-sanctioned Christmas house. Drive through Laurel in December. You'll find that residents have made it one of the best decorated towns in Montana.

On the first weekend in December, A Parade of Lights down First Avenue features carolers carrying lights and singing. A horse-drawn trolley ride, free treats and drink, and a special invitation to all visitors add to the fun on Dec. 2, 1990, in Laurel.

Western Entertainment

Evening entertainment on a working Montana horse ranch is western fun in Laurel. Weaver World of Horses offers tours, demonstrations, hayrides, barbecues, chuckwagon dinners, campfires and cowboy poets. These activities are for groups of twenty or more with a week's advance reservation required.

In addition a tour of the ranch and

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Laurel's Calendar of Events

July 2, 3, 4

American Legion International Baseball Tournament

July 3

Street Dance

July 4

Largest Free Fireworks Display in Montana, Jaycees Pancake Breakfast, Kids' Parade, Grand Parade

July 13, 14, 15

Yellowstone River Boat Float

September 20-23

Herbstfest Celebration:

20th, 8 p.m.—Free Pageant, Laurel High School

21st—Music, Arts, and Crafts in Fireman's Park Downtown

22nd, 10:30 a.m.—Parade

22nd, 23rd—Festhalle Activities

22nd 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

23rd 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

December 2

Laurel's Famous Christmas Open House and Lighting Ceremony, Activities begin at noon, Parade of Lights 5:00 p.m.

Look for these businesses in Laurel, too:

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A Custer Country business has been designated to help with reservations and information about Yellowstone Park. The Holiday Inn Billings Plaza has been named to provide these services by TW Recreation Services, the primary visitor concessionaire for lodging, dining and recreation in the park.

Located at Exit 446 off I-90 at Billings, the Holiday Inn staffs a Customer Service Desk for travelers inquiring about the park and other visitor attractions in the surrounding

region. Call Holiday Inn for information (406) 248-7701, 5500 Midland Rd., 59101.

There is a natural link between Custer Country and Yellowstone Country. High in the mountains of Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River is born, the river that nurtures the land and provides hundreds of miles of recreation all through Custer Country.

John Colter, who had been a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition 1804-06, told of the strange steaming lands he had found in the Yellowstone country as he traveled in search of furs in 1807. Following the Hayden Survey of Yellowstone in 1871, President Grant signed into law in March, 1872 an act creating Yellowstone National Park.

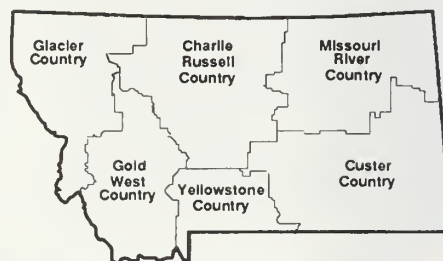
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Custer Country and Yellowstone Country combine to offer year-round recreation vacations. Tour historic Custer Battlefield, and then enjoy the wildlife, geysers, and scenery of Yellowstone Park in the summer. Fish the historic Bighorn River any time of year, including winter, take in a ballet, concert or hoedown in Custer Country, then try snowmobiling or cross country skiing in the park for a wonderful winter vacation.

Besides Yellowstone National Park itself, there are many other "must see" attractions in Yellowstone Country. For a complete guide to the Yellowstone region, dial toll free 1-800-342-2345, ext. 399.

Montana's Tourism Regions

Custer Country is one of Montana's six tourism regions. Montana is a big state—fourth largest of the fifty. Consequently, the State Travel Promotion Division has divided the state into regions that surround major attractions. We hope you have enjoyed and found useful the information in the Custer Country Tour Guide. The other five regions have similar publications that spotlight their sights and attractions. They carry maps, calendars and other details of interest to help guide travelers on a fantastic vacation through Montana. Below are the addresses to contact to receive the other tour guides. We encourage you to write for the guides today.



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3. **Forsyth.** Forsyth Golf and Country Club, 3 miles west of Forsyth on Frontage Road off I-94 Exit 93; 9 holes; club and cart rentals; driving range; pro shop; dining and cocktails. (406) 356-7710.

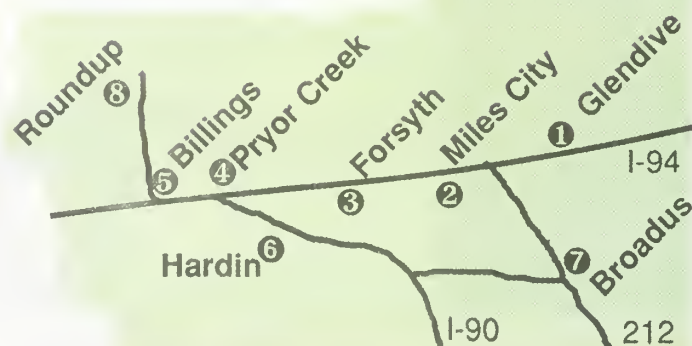
4. **Pryor Creek.** Pryor Creek Golf Club and Estates, 15 miles east of Billings, I-94 Exit 6 (Huntley exit); 18 holes; cart and club rental; pro shop; full driving range; food and beverage services. (406) 348-3900.

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6. **Hardin.** Fort Custer Golf Course, 3.5 miles north of Hardin; 9 holes; pro shop; cart rental; dining and cocktails. (406) 665-2597.

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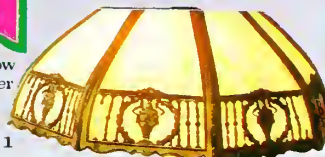
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